

# Southdale SPARKLE

## Fantastic news!



Ossett Rotary Club have kindly provided funding for Southdale to be the caretakers of a community defibrillator.

We are so grateful and we would like to pass on our sincere thanks to Ossett Rotary for their generosity. We know that this is something that Mrs Chalkley is really passionate about and this has only been made possible by our special educational needs coordinator, Mrs Randall.

The defibrillator is now in school! Ossett Rotary have also ordered the storage box which one of our parents, Mr Kellet, has kindly offered to install for us. The defibrillator will be placed on one of the gate posts outside the school for both the school and the community to use should we ever need to.

We are all extremely thankful!

# YEAR 3

## Shocking News in Year 3!

On Monday, our police station received a call from Ossett Library. We were shocked to hear that a significant number of books had been stolen. Our newly recruited officers hurried to the scene of the crime and discovered that the children's section had also been vandalised. After interviewing the librarian and gathering the evidence, we still have many unanswered questions puzzling our team. Hopefully, next week we will uncover more clues and hopefully find the culprit.

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In PE this week, we have started to practise our dribbling skills in football, making sure the ball stays near our feet and under control. In dance, we have been moving in time to the beat with a partner. Finally, in gymnastics, we have been exploring how gymnasts move and hold their frame, including extending our legs in a pike and straddle position.

# YEAR 4

## Once Upon a Raindrop!

We've had a fantastic time this week beginning our narrative, 'Once Upon a Raindrop.' After receiving a letter from a paper boat describing its journey through the polluted land, we were shocked to discover what it had encountered. We have been busy planning our descriptions so that we can tell the story of the paper boat.

In Geography, we have started learning about the importance of water. We worked together as geographers to identify the different features of a river.



4AM enjoyed making Thai turkey parcels in cooking!



In music, we have started learning how to play the ukulele. This week, we learnt how to hold the instrument and play the first chord, Am (A Minor).



# YEAR 5

## You Would Never Believe It!

Year 5 started this half term with a bang when we saw The Land of Neverbelieve had arrived on our playground this week! We have managed to put a tracking device on the nomadic island so we can track where it is at all times! We carried out lots of research on the island and have learnt about all of the fabulous features. These include book mountain, the magical lake, and the spooky dark mountains! Now we have done this, we can open the island up to the public and make some money! Our task this week has been to plan a persuasive leaflet, trying to convince tourists to visit this magical island. We have planned them and are so excited to get writing them!

In other news, we have started our new sports in PE this week. These include: dance, gymnastics, and football. We are really excited to build up our skills in these different areas.



# YEAR 6

## Ordinary People, Extraordinary Stories!

Our new narrative 'Ordinary People, Extraordinary Stories!' focuses on World War 1 and has begun this week with us visiting the War Memorial in Ossett! We understand the importance of remembering and want to learn more about the 'ordinary' people and their extraordinary stories of bravery and heroism. We are certainly up for this task and cannot wait to share the stories and experiences of our war heroes with our Twitter following.



*Our value this half term is 'Thankfulness'. As part of our connections lessons and class worship, we decided to tell each other why we were thankful to have them as part of our class. It was lovely to get the chance to tell our classmates why we appreciated them and the difference and value that they add to our day to day lives!*



# THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

## Year 3

**Reading:** Please read with your child at home and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes a day.

**Maths:** Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars and complete their weekly My Maths homework. We have just introduced the column subtraction method, so this would be great to practise too.

*If you wish to purchase the additional workbooks as mentioned during Parents' Evening, payments can be made via ParentPay.*

### Spelling Pattern

root word	double the consonant before adding -y
spot	spotty
sun	sunny
chat	chatty
flop	floppy

## Year 4

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**Maths:** Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars and complete their weekly My Maths homework.

### Spelling pattern

Adding the suffix -ly  
particularly  
seriously  
finally  
rudely  
nicely

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**Maths:** As always, there will be homework set on MyMaths for your child to complete.

### Spelling pattern

Adding the suffix **-ly**

If the word ends in **ic** add **ally**

If the word ends in **y**, change to an **i** and add **ly**.

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We have absolutely loved seeing the work that you have done over half-term researching WWI. Thank you! We would love to see you develop this as we work our way through our narrative.

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# THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

## Special Mentions

3LS	<b>Matthew T</b>	For his positive growth mind-set and for encouraging his class mates with his kind words.
3RG	<b>Lola B</b>	For a fantastic effort in PE this week. You tried extremely hard when dribbling the football. Super!
3SG	<b>Isaac R</b>	For always working hard and giving everything a go no matter how challenging. What a super star!
4AM	<b>Bell C</b>	For doing the right thing at the right time. You are a superstar!
4EB	<b>William B</b>	For showing enthusiasm for our new narrative!
4LH	<b>Harrison B</b>	For sharing your wonderful ideas with the class and being a super support to your working partner.
5BR	<b>Riley F</b>	You were on fire in English this week Riley! You are working so hard and I can't wait to read your persuasive leaflet
5FD	<b>Thomas S</b>	For being a mathematical superstar! Keep up the fantastic work!
5MF	<b>Freddie W</b>	For an excellent attitude to learning and a brilliant start to this half term!
6CS	<b>Charlie T</b>	For an amazing piece of research about WW1. Your enthusiasm and interest really shone through. Well done!
6EZ	<b>Kobe W</b>	For taking great care and effort in the presentation of your work. Keep it up!
6ZR	<b>Isabella S</b>	For immersing yourself in our World War One narrative, and always going above and beyond!

# KEY DATES 2021-22

Upcoming events	
<b>1 December</b>	Christmas Fair
<b>2 December</b>	Sparkles Christmas Activity Day
<b>8 December</b>	Christmas Disco
<b>7 January 2022</b>	Young Voices, Sheffield Arena

Please note that **Tuesday 4 January** is no longer an inset day.  
This has been changed to **Friday 14 January**.

Autumn Term 2021	
<b>Monday 6 September</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 21 October</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Friday 22 October</b>	School closed - Queen's platinum jubilee
<b>Monday 1 November</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 2 November</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 2 December</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Friday 17 December</b>	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 2022	
<b>Tuesday 4 January</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 14 January</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Friday 18 February</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 28 February</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 8 April</b>	School closes for Easter Holidays
Summer Term 2022	
<b>Monday 25 April</b>	School opens
<b>Monday 2 May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY
<b>Friday 27 May</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 6 June</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 22 July</b>	School closes for Summer Holidays
<b>Monday 25 July &amp; Tuesday 26 July</b>	INSET DAYS

# SAFEGUARDING TEAM



**Mrs K Partington**

Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs R Mohebi**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs R Randall**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Miss R Mallas**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mr V Foster**

Safeguarding Governor



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