

Southdale **SPARKLE**

Hands-On Learning!

We are, as ever, continually proud of our children and how they approach all aspects of school life. When I stop and pause to look at all the learning that happens in a week, I am continually surprised and proud. We are delighted to be able to offer our children a curriculum which is full of hands-on real-life experiences! This week has seen us learning the guitar; cooking a variety of dishes: using a variety of knots to build shelters: investigating a local river and developing our gymnastic skills – the list is endless.



Remembrance!

We are immensely proud of these four children who planned and delivered a poignant yet hopeful remembrance assembly this week!

We paused to remember those who have given their lives to keep us safe and those who continue to serve to keep us safe.

We reflected on choosing hope for a better world. A world without war or conflict. A quiet belief in something better. A world where there is peace!



Anti-Bullying Week 2021: One Kind Word!

**ONE
KIND
WORD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Let kindness fuel kindness
this Anti-Bullying Week.

**ANTI-BULLYING
WEEK 2021**

15th - 19th November

**ODD SOCKS
DAY 2021**

Monday 15th November

Anti-Bullying Week
takes place next week
and it has the theme
One Kind Word.

The week will begin
with Odd Socks Day
on Monday. All you
need to do is wear odd
socks! It's a great way
to celebrate what
makes us all unique in
Anti-Bullying Week!

YEAR 3



Police Detectives!

Year 3 are still working hard as police detectives to try and solve the mystery of the vandalism that took place at Ossett Library last week. After intensely analysing all the evidence, we are still struggling to fathom exactly what someone could possibly want 21 large, red-velvet reference books for.

Luckily, we have such a dedicated and passionate team who have been working extremely hard on publishing their police reports for the chief police officer to review for the evidence file. To ensure we produced effective and detailed reports, we worked collaboratively with our peers during the editing process before publishing our final piece. We are hopeful that these will help towards finding the culprit.

PE has been a highlight this week! In gymnastics, we learnt how to safely use the apparatus. We were also able to consolidate our tuck, pike and straddle positions whilst on the equipment. In dance, we have started a class routine using Roald Dahl's book, Matilda as our inspiration. In our outdoor session, we continued to practise our football dribbling technique focusing on protecting the ball from an interceptor.

YEAR 4



A Deeper Knowledge of Rivers!

We have enjoyed a fantastic week in Year 4. Each class loved their morning at Coxley Woods, as part of our new narrative. As geographers, we investigated the different river features, looked at the physical appearance of the woods and discussed the problem of flooding. We measured the water levels; sketched different parts of the woods and used our senses to record some words and phrases about the sights and sounds around the water. We recorded all these and added them to our washing lines. We will be using these to enhance our story descriptions which we're still working on.

We'd like to thank 'The Secret Garden' and 'Capri on the Vine' in Horbury for letting us use their facilities each day.

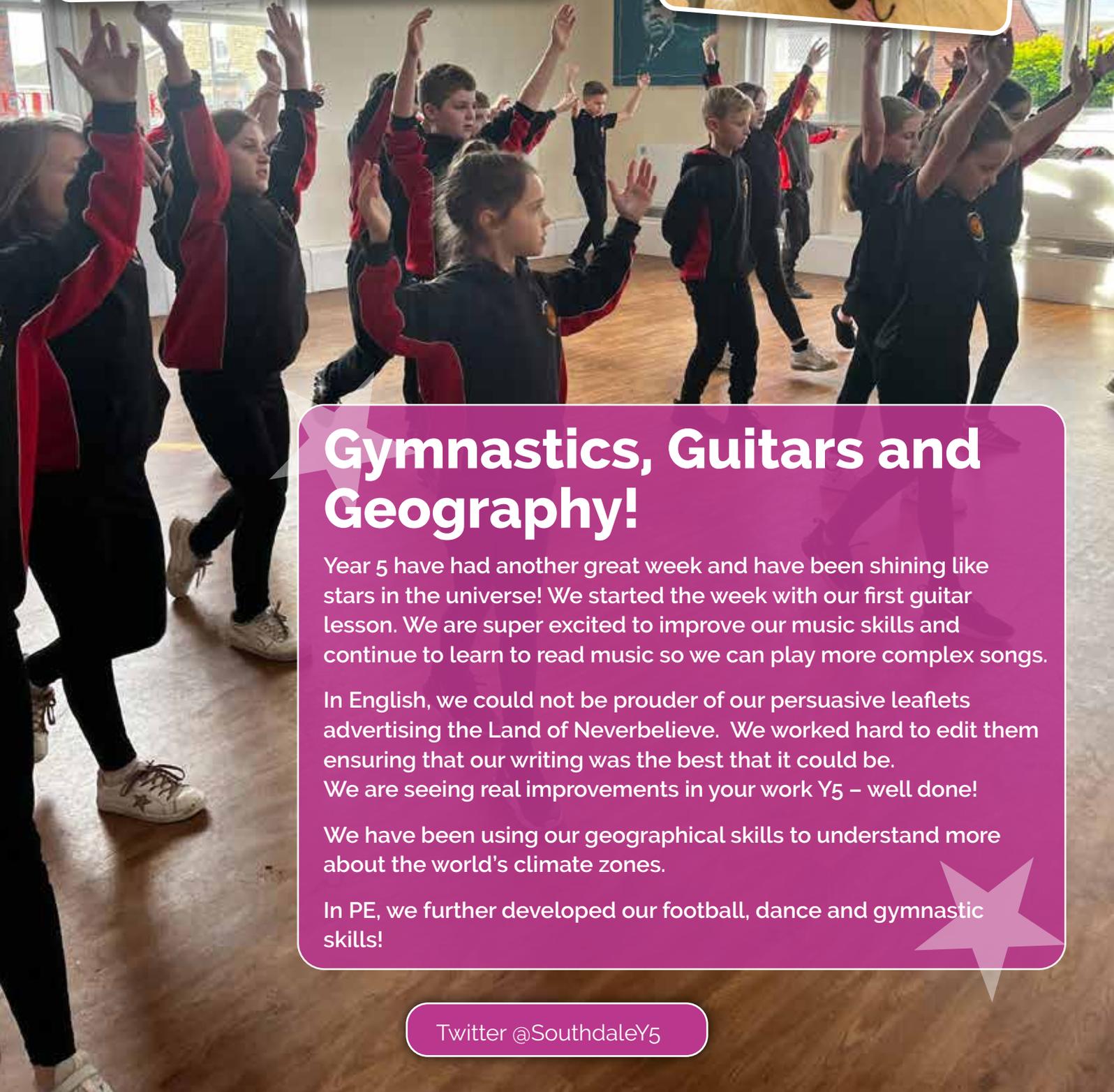


Away from all our English and Geography work, we've been developing our understanding of the 6 times table in maths. Using a counting stick, we investigated different patterns and ways of remembering all the key number facts for this times table.

YEAR 4



YEAR 5



Gymnastics, Guitars and Geography!

Year 5 have had another great week and have been shining like stars in the universe! We started the week with our first guitar lesson. We are super excited to improve our music skills and continue to learn to read music so we can play more complex songs.

In English, we could not be prouder of our persuasive leaflets advertising the Land of Neverbelieve. We worked hard to edit them ensuring that our writing was the best that it could be. We are seeing real improvements in your work Y5 – well done!

We have been using our geographical skills to understand more about the world's climate zones.

In PE, we further developed our football, dance and gymnastic skills!

YEAR 6

History Detectives!

This week has been a busy one! Finding how World War One began has been really eye-opening, as we used a range of primary and secondary sources to figure out what caused this catastrophic event. Becoming journalists was useful as we discussed what makes a reliable source. Keep your eyes peeled for more on this.

PE was a whirlwind this week, as we mastered swimming, dance, gymnastics and football! We have been so impressed with your skills in all of these. Keep it up Year 6.

English has been a huge success! Writing trench descriptions has been really enjoyable, and we are starting to write like authors! Check twitter for just some of the pieces of writing that blew us away.



Twitter @SouthdaleY6

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.

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

Spelling pattern

Drop the **e** before adding **-y**.

Shine becomes **shin + y = shiny**

Whiny

Lazy

Wavy

Breezy

Smoky

Crazy

Year 4

Reading: This is so important! Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes a day. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily! We have plenty of fiction and non-fiction books linked to our narrative.

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

THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 5

Reading: This is so important! Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes a day. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily!

Maths: Your child has homework set on MyMaths. Please ensure that this is completed by Wednesday of each week. If your child has forgotten their login details, please let us know.

Spelling pattern

Adding the suffix **-ly**

Cheekily

Rudely

angrily

Sadly

Heavily

Year 6

We are currently researching how World War One began. If you want to research any additional, interesting facts, then please do so!

Reading: This is so important! Please continue to read with your child at home and ensure that they are reading for at least 20 minutes a day. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily! We have plenty of fiction and non-fiction books linked to our narrative.

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

We have been looking at tricky words this week. Please practise using these words in your own sentences.

Guarantee

Foreign

Hindrance

Queue

Mischievous

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head Teachers Award



**Harry F
(4LH)**

For being a ray of sunshine in all aspects of school life!
We all notice you for the right reasons – what a superstar.

Special Mentions

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| 3LS | Harry F | For using every classroom tool to help you carefully construct your police report and really focusing on achieving your short-term target. |
| 3RG | Thomas W | For having great focus, a positive attitude and for giving your all in PE this week. Well done! |
| 3SG | Zoey T | For being the shining example of being the best learner you can be this week. You have been a supportive learning partner and given everything 100%! Well done Zoey. |
| 4AM | Daniel F | For a vast improvement in your concentration this week. You've been really focused in your maths work particularly. Well done. |
| 4EB | Esme T | For making the most of the field trip to Coxley Wood |
| 4LH | Mia-Leigh O | For settling into the Southdale family so well. You have completed our class perfectly! |
| 5BR | Matthew A | Matthew you are an absolute superstar and such a role model to the year. You are a pleasure to teach. Keep up the amazing work! |
| 5FD | Ben M | For being resilient, hard-working and an all round pleasure to teach. You are a superstar Ben! |
| 5MF | Lucan B | For always putting 100% effort in your work. For writing an excellent description using superb vocabulary to create an ominous effect! |
| 6CS | Jessica B | For being a super star! You are polite, considerate, hard-working and a fantastic role model. |
| 6EZ | Emily B | For making a phenomenal amount of progress in your writing. The thought that you have put into your trench description is really impressive. |
| 6ZR | Lydia B | For showing great determination in her writing and producing a fantastic trench description! |

TT ROCKSTARS

Most answered

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| 1st | Amelia S (5FD) | 10,316 |
| 2nd | Joshua S (6CS) | 9,891 |
| 3rd | Tyler N (5MF) | 4,665 |

TT ROCKSTARS

Most improved

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|-----|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1st | Maggie E-V (3LS) | -9.29 |
| 2nd | Harley B (6CS) | -1.52 |
| 3rd | Lucy B (6EZ) | -1.10 |

KEY DATES 2021-22

Upcoming events

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| 1 December | Christmas Fair |
| 2 December | Sparkles Christmas Activity Day |
| 8 December | Christmas Disco |
| 7 January 2022 | 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

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| Monday 6 September | School opens |
| Thursday 21 October | School closes for half term |
| Friday 22 October | School closed - Queen's platinum jubilee |
| Monday 1 November | INSET DAY |
| Tuesday 2 November | School opens |
| Thursday 2 December | INSET DAY |
| Friday 17 December | School closes for the Christmas Holidays |

Spring Term 2022

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| Tuesday 4 January | School opens |
| Friday 14 January | INSET DAY |
| Friday 18 February | School closes for half term |
| Monday 28 February | School opens |
| Friday 8 April | School closes for Easter Holidays |

Summer Term 2022

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| Monday 25 April | School opens |
| Monday 2 May | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Friday 27 May | School closes for half term |
| Monday 6 June | School opens |
| Friday 22 July | School closes for Summer Holidays |
| Monday 25 July & Tuesday 26 July | 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



Southdale

C of E Junior school

Shining like stars in the universe