

Southdale SPARKLE

Christmas extravaganza!

The Christmas fair was a joy to behold! Christmas music lingered in the air while children enjoyed playing games, eating delicious delights and spending time together. If anything was going to get us into the Christmas spirit, this was it! Did you know that Santa even arrived on his sleigh?

This could be our biggest fundraiser yet, as we have raised in the region of £3000 for school funds!! Our Christian values were visible in bucket loads from our children and families - it melted our hearts to see children come in with extra envelopes of money for those who may have come without; such lovely acts of kindness. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS FAIR



**Years
3&4**



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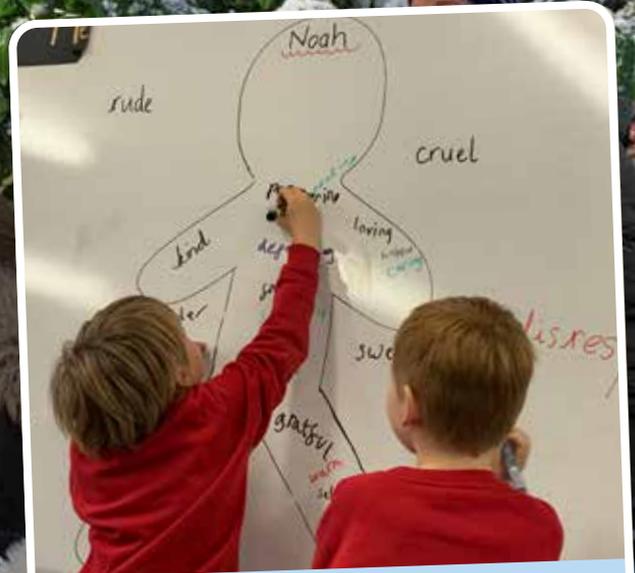
**Years
5&6**



YEAR 3

Meditation and Mindfulness!

Through the narrative, the main focus of the children's learning this week has been to develop their understanding of the importance of mental health and well-being. The week began with children spending a whole day experiencing a variety of mindfulness techniques, including forest bathing, yoga and meditation. They have learned and discussed the importance of sleep, in relation to mental health, as well as the importance of community and relationships. We hope that over the next few weeks, children can continue to deepen this understanding to help their patient recover, but also to begin to consider their own mental health.



In Religion and Worldviews, children have been learning about the Christian story of Noah and the Ark. Children have been considering how Noah's family might have responded to God's request to build an ark. We have also been thinking about why God chose Noah for this task.

YEAR 4

Gracious Gymnasts!

Over the past few weeks, we have been busy developing our gymnastic skills. We've explored the wall bars, a-frames and benches in different ways. This week, we started to rehearse short performances in pairs really focusing on holding different balances on the equipment and travelling around the space in a controlled way.

In our narrative work, we explored the impact of flooding on the local area. We looked at the businesses which line the River Calder in Horbury, and we thought about how these would be affected by flooding.



4EB cooked some delicious Thai Turkey Parcels on Wednesday morning. Miss Woolley was very impressed by their concentration and hard work to produce some extremely delicious outcomes!

YEAR 5



Fractions, Festivities and Floral Designs!

In reading, we improved our fluency by using echo reading. This involved us reading one line and then our talk partner reading it back. This meant that we were much more fluent and had a deeper understanding of the text!

We have started fractions this week! Finding equivalent fractions has been our main focus and we have made an excellent start on it! We are readying to start applying it to problems and starting to order and compare fractions next week!

The festivities have begun this week! Not just with the school fair, but in French! We learnt the French version of Jingle Bells! Vive le Vent!



William Morris was our inspiration this week and we recreated some of his floral designs using watercolour

YEAR 6



Hands on Science!

What another fantastic week in Year 6! Science has seen us take part in a practical learning experience, as we became our very own human circulatory system! Taking on the role of a red blood cell, we moved around the body through arteries and veins to deliver oxygen to the rest of our body. Ask us what the function of the heart is!

Another week, another Tuesday full of PE fun! We are really getting to grips with our swimming techniques, and our gymnastics and football skills are also improving week in, week out.

We were beyond helpful during our Christmas fair. From running our own Year 6 stalls, to helping out the other year groups, we took on our Year 6 responsibilities with maturity and enthusiasm. Everyone had a fantastic time!



THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 3

Reading: Reading is an incredibly important skill to support children's creativity and language development, so please continue to make this a priority in your home.

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

If your child has lost their login details, please email the class teacher for another copy.

Spelling

Adding the suffix 'ly'

Loudly gladly
Badly quietly
Bravely normally
Stupidly
Coolly
Quickly
slowly

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.

This week, we have set up a TTR battle between each of the three classes. Who's going to emerge victorious?

Spelling pattern

We'll be finishing our work on the 'chuh' sound spelt **-ture** next week. Please look at the definition of each word, and practise writing them out in sentences:

adventure
picture
capture
temperature
furniture
future
creature
nature
mixture

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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

Word with the 'ay' sound spelt: **eigh**,
ei, **ey**,

Weight

Obey

Sleigh

Neighbour

Grey

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Spelling pattern

Our spelling pattern this week is 'words with the 'sh' sound spelt 'si' or 'ssi'
Have a go at practising these words in your own sentences::

man**si**on, ten**si**on, exten**si**on, deci**si**on,
missi**on**, permissi**on**, discussi**on**,
professi**on**

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head Teachers Award



Dylan H

For shining in all aspects of school life. You stand out for all the right reasons and we are so proud of you!

Special Mentions

3LS	Annalise W	For her effort and commitment to improving her writing.
3RG	Max H	For always showing a love for learning! You are enthusiastic, remain positive and you are a great talk partner.
3SG	Blake	For a fantastic attitude to learning. It is lovely to see you focused and trying to be the best that you can be. Keep it up Blake!
4AM	Max	For concentrating really hard on your writing this week. You produced a fantastic letter to the council about the flooding problem in Horbury.
4EB	Arthur G	For making a great improvement with your writing. It is clear that you have strived to be your best!
4LH	Martha G	For showing kindness to everyone you come in contact with. You truly do follow all of the Southdale values.
5BR	Harry R	For being an excellent talk partner and really encouraging your peers to be the best they can be and being a massive help this week in sparkles!
5FD	Amelia S	For your generous act of kindness and always thinking about others. Keep on sparkling Amelia!
5MF	Tyler N	For your persistent enthusiasm for learning, as evidenced by practising your long multiplication in your own time!
6CS	Sophie S	For always being willing to offer a helping hand no matter how small or large the task!
6EZ	Rory	For showing great perseverance and producing an informative biography of Wilfred Owen. Well done!
6ZR	Matthew B	For always being a kind, supportive and enthusiastic peer in EVERYTHING that you do!

TT ROCKSTARS

Most answered

1st	Olivia AR (6CS)	23513
2nd	Tyler N (5MF)	7293
3rd	Jacob S (4AM)	6402

TT ROCKSTARS

Most improved

1st	Chloe H (4AM)	-8.40
2nd	Violet B (4AM)	-6.06
3rd	Isabella SL (4AM)	-4.87

KEY DATES 2021-22

Upcoming events

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

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

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

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