

# Southdale SPARKLE

## DISCO FEVER!



The children had a fantastic time at the disco. We had some great movers and shakers on the dance floor. The children loved the photo booth, candy floss, hot dogs and sweets but most of all just enjoyed having fun with their friends again! It was a fabulous atmosphere. Thanks to all the staff, parent helpers and governors for your continued support with our fundraising!

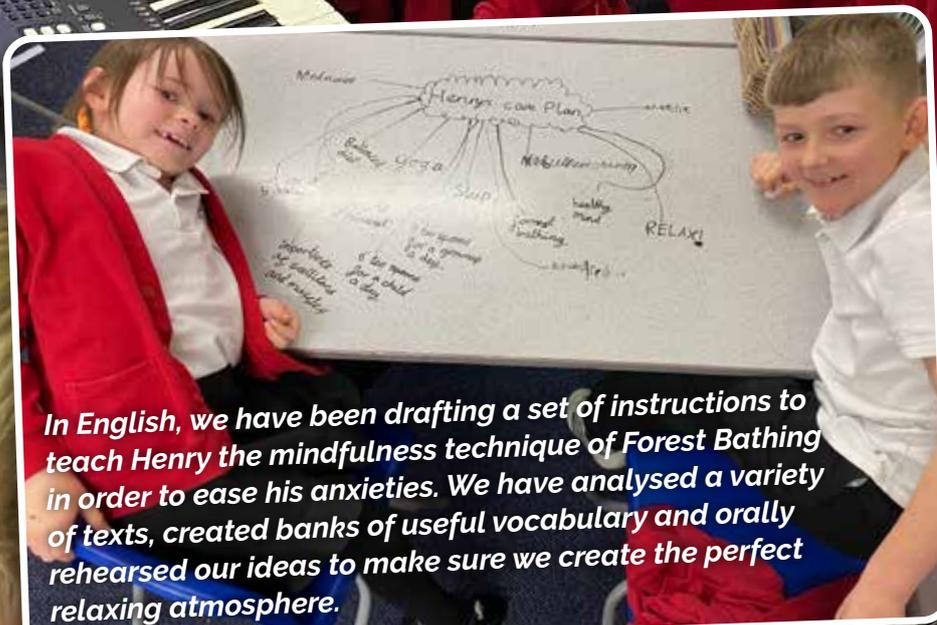


# YEAR 3

*Over this half term, we have been learning to play the keyboard. Although challenging, all children are showing perseverance and are thoroughly enjoying learning how to play the chord A minor.*

## Fabulous Writing!

This week, Year 3 have continued to develop their understanding of the human body. We have been learning about the function of the human skeleton and how muscles work with our bones to help us move. We have also combined our previous knowledge of the importance of a balanced diet with our understanding of how to look after our mental health. We have used this knowledge to create a 'Care Plan' to support Henry's recovery.



*In English, we have been drafting a set of instructions to teach Henry the mindfulness technique of Forest Bathing in order to ease his anxieties. We have analysed a variety of texts, created banks of useful vocabulary and orally rehearsed our ideas to make sure we create the perfect relaxing atmosphere.*

# YEAR 4

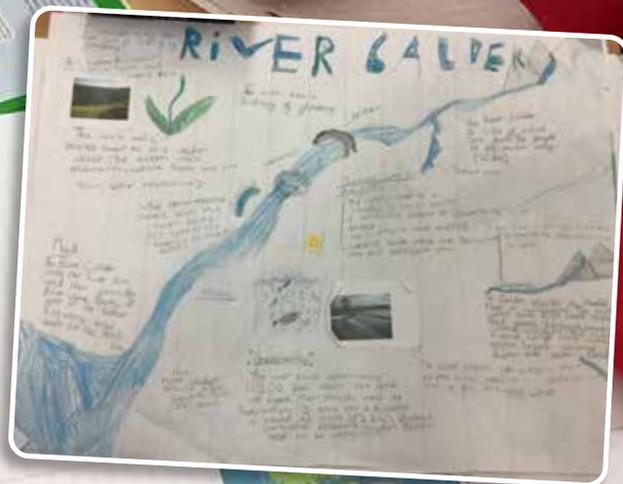
## A letter from Greenpeace!

We've enjoyed another busy week in Y4! On Monday, we had the privilege of sharing our latest published outcomes with Y6. It was great to discuss our narrative so far, hear all about their war narrative and share our writing with each other!

Excitingly, we received a response from Greenpeace to our pollution letters. They were astounded by our passion and enthusiasm for raising peoples' awareness of the pollution problem. They have now asked us to inform the residents of Wakefield about the city's local river, the River Calder. We're now busy preparing our reports on the geography of the river, and the history of how it has changed over the years.



*In art this week, we've been working on our final outcomes, and they are nearly ready. We can't wait for them to take pride of place on our upcoming, end-of-narrative display! Keep your eyes peeled for this appearing soon!*



# YEAR 5



## A warning from the future!

This week, we have travelled in time to the future! When we visited the Land of Neverbelieve in 100 years-time, we found that it had been completely ruined! Rancid, toxic waste was dispersed across the once-beautiful land. We have returned back from the future and are writing a description to warn every one of the horrors that are to come, unless we take action now!

We tried out a brand-new drama technique this week in English, called the consequence circle. This allowed us to share our ideas about what had happened to The Land of Neverbelieve.

In other news, our heroes and villains themed dance is looking amazing and we are looking forward to our dance and gymnastic performances next week. We will also be having our football tournament next week.



*In maths this week, we have been exploring fractions with our fabulous fraction cards*

# YEAR 6

Darkness cannot drive out darkness;  
only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate;  
only love can do that.

~ Martin Luther King, Jr. ~

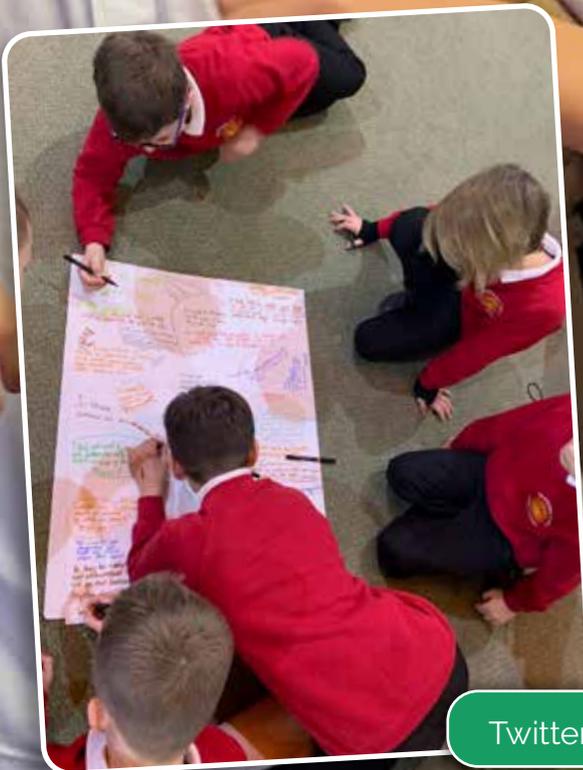
## Exploring War and Peace!

This week Year 6 have had a few visitors! We had a visit from a real-life soldier who told us all about what life is like when fighting in a war and how wars and equipment have changed since WW1.

We were very lucky to also have Year 4 joining us for English. We shared our writing and learned a lot from each other.

We spent Thursday morning in church reflecting on our WW1 learning. We discussed the damage conflict causes as well as the importance of remembrance. We explored various quotes and thought about the world that we would like to live in – a world of hope and peace.

Finally, Year 6 enjoyed a bit of chair drumming. We are building up to perform a song with a Christmas twist.



# 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. We recommend reading with your child daily for at least 20 minutes. .

**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.

### Spelling

Adding the suffix 'ly'

Loud**ly**      glad**ly**  
Bad**ly**        quiet**ly**  
Brave**ly**     normal**ly**  
Stupid**ly**  
Cool**ly**  
Quick**ly**  
slow**ly**

## 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 boys vs girls battle.*

### Spelling pattern

This week, we will be looking at adding **-ation** to verbs to form nouns.

You can add **-ation** to some verbs to change them into nouns.

If the verb ends in a consonant we just add the suffix:

inform + **ation**                  information

But if the verb ends in **e**, we must **drop** the **e** before adding **-ation**:

adore **e** + **ation** = adoration

root word	root word + suffix -ation OR drop the <b>e</b> before adding <b>-ation</b>
inform	information
limit	limitation
sense <b>e</b>	sensation
admire <b>e</b>	admiration
prepare <b>e</b>	preparation

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## Year 5

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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**

**Obe**y

**Sleigh**

**Neigh**bour

**Grey**

## Year 6

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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

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,  
miss**si**on, permiss**si**on, discuss**si**on,  
profess**si**on

# THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

## Head Teachers Award



**Beatrice**

You always shine like a star in the universe! You are an excellent example to everyone around you. Keep Shining – you are fabulous!

## Special Mentions

3LS	<b>Maggie E-V</b>	For being so focused in her extra maths sessions and confidently talking through her calculations.
3RG	<b>Joel S.</b>	For being the best version of himself! We have seen a great improvement in focus, maturity and attitude towards his learning. Fantastic!
3SG	<b>Isabella B</b>	For shining in so many ways. You are kind, supportive, focused and so much more! You are a joy to have around Southdale!
4AM	<b>Lyra S</b>	For your boundless enthusiasm, positive energy and infectious smile. You sprinkle the Southdale Sparkle wherever you go!
4EB	<b>Kelisie W</b>	For absolutely throwing yourself into English this week. I cannot wait for you to draft your writing
4LH	<b>Madison B</b>	For being a kind, considerate talking partner. You are so patient and your manners are outstanding!
5BR	<b>Finlay H</b>	You have made such an improvement in class this week Finlay! Always on task and coming up with some amazing ideas! We will miss you, but your new school is lucky to have you!
5FD	<b>Tyler E</b>	For a fantastic performance in our reading lesson this week. You read fluently and with expression. Well done!
5MF	<b>Lilly M</b>	For a super effort working on your maths skills, especially in our work on fractions.
6CS	<b>Antonia G</b>	For your kind, caring and positive nature. You are a wonderful member of our class because of your warm heart that you share with everyone.
6EZ	<b>Lucy B</b>	For being a superstar learner and putting 100% effort into everything you do. Keep up the fab work!
6ZR	<b>William T</b>	For immersing yourself in our World War One narrative right from the get go! Your enthusiasm really does not go unnoticed!

### TT ROCKSTARS

#### Most answered

1st	Olivia AR (6CS)	29970
2nd	Tyler N (5MF)	6428
3rd	Shan S (4AM)	4564

### TT ROCKSTARS

#### Most improved

1st	Max H (4AM)	-13.77
2nd	Phoebe D (4AM)	-9.82
3rd	Sophie B (4AM)	-5.37

# KEY DATES 2021-22

## Upcoming events

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*