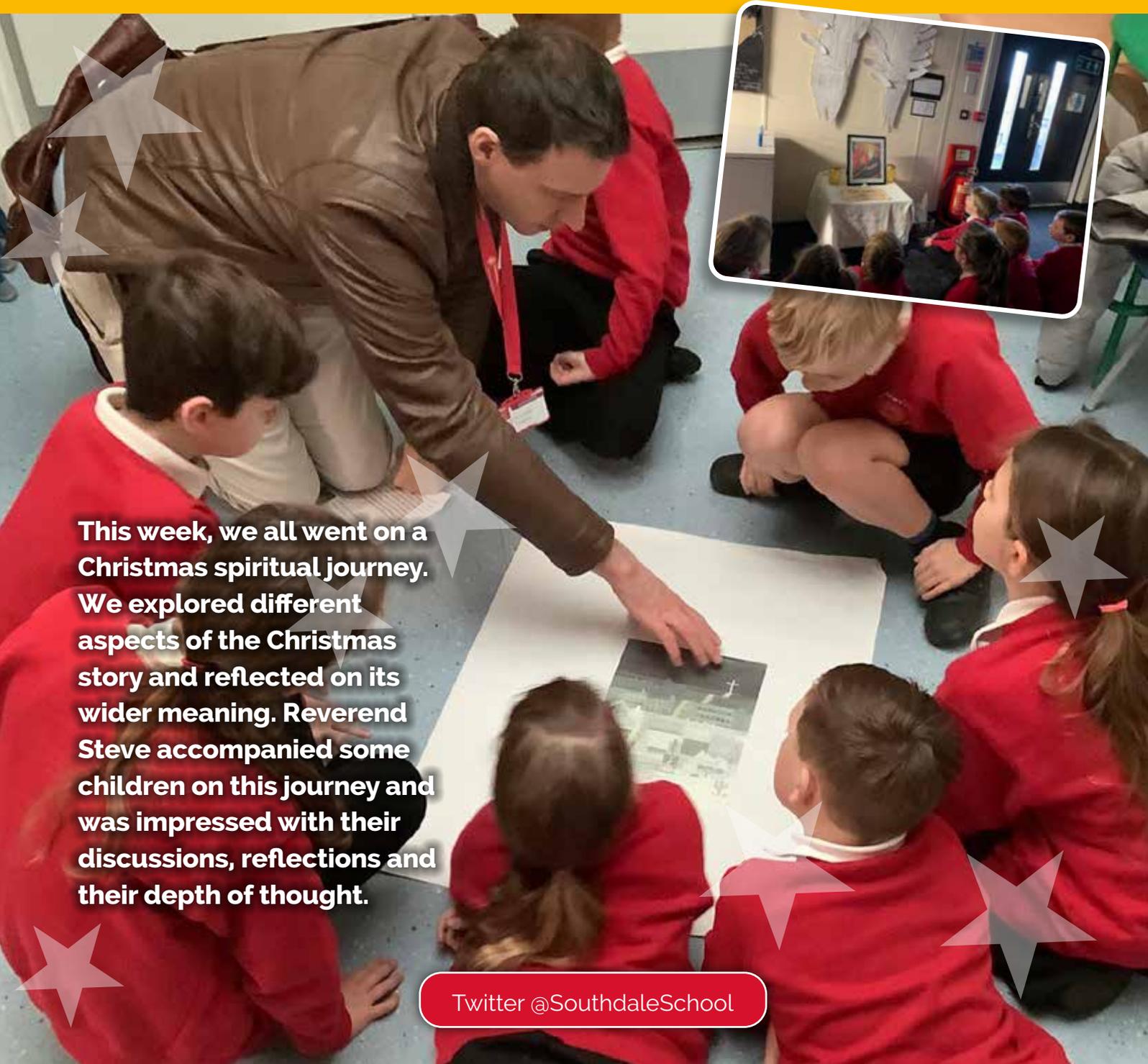


Southdale **SPARKLE**

Christmas Reflection!



This week, we all went on a Christmas spiritual journey. We explored different aspects of the Christmas story and reflected on its wider meaning. Reverend Steve accompanied some children on this journey and was impressed with their discussions, reflections and their depth of thought.

Christmas festivities



Christmas Singing!

This week, some of our year 3 children sang Christmas carols to audiences at Christchurch and Dimplewell Lodge! From Frosty the Snowman to Away in a Manger their singing really was a delight to hear!



Forest School Wreaths!

In forest schools, we have used our knot tying knowledge to produce some beautiful Christmas decorations. We used the clove hitch, shear square lashing and timber hitch knots. We were very impressed with the outcomes!



Fabulous Christmas Outfits!

On Monday, we enjoyed our Southdale Christmas lunch! We loved seeing you all in your Christmas outfits!

SOUTHDALE SPORT



This week's sporting consisted of many enjoyable football tournaments and dance lessons throughout each year group. Football was a great success as everyone engaged in the sport as well as being able to shine like stars; we had excellent communication and leadership skills. Every child was very supportive of their peers, no matter their score on the leader board.

During dance lessons, everyone tried their best and the quality of their performances were testament to this! All people had the courage to perform their dance to a separate class, showing great enthusiasm. The students incorporated multiple dance styles in their performance which is a very hard skill to learn. Overall, these students have been amazing and definitely showed great perseverance.

As well as these activities, we also did gymnastics using apparatus and floor work. We all enjoyed the partner work, such as creating original balances and learning the three main poses; straddle, pike and tuck. All classes have shown a lot of bravery as they created a routine and performed it to the class and teacher. Over all, children had a lot of fun celebrating our sporting achievements.

Yours sincerely

JLT sports leaders



YEAR 3



A Joyous Term!

What a term it has been! We started off as police detectives trying to solve the mysterious case of library break-ins and missing books, and ended up as health care professionals with a passion to help Henry's mind and body recover. Over the autumn term, we have learnt so much about keeping our mind and bodies healthy and we feel confident we can help share our knowledge and techniques with anyone who may need help in the future. The children have shown pride and care in their final piece of published writing and we are so proud of all the progress they have made so far.

In art, we have used author and illustrator Oliver Jeffers as inspiration to create a similar styled version of ourselves. The final art work is going to look fantastic on our new display.

A real highlight of the week was our Christmas story reflection. We learnt that there is actually a lot more to the birth of Jesus and we were able to reflect on God's mission and the importance of Jesus to Christians.

In PE, we were able to share our finished dance routines with Year 5. It was great to perform to an audience and see how far we have come since the start of the term. In football, we put all our skills into practice during our class tournament which went really well with the help of our Year 6 sport leaders. In gymnastics, we performed our routines which included using the equipment to create a variety of balances and shapes.



YEAR 4

A Fabulous Term!

And in the blink of an eye, our first full term in year 4 is complete. We've enjoyed 2 fun-packed narratives over the past fourteen weeks!

To conclude our 'Once upon a Raindrop' narrative this week, we published our reports on the River Calder, and we even produced some information videos using the Adobe Spark Video about the flooding problems in the local area.

On Monday afternoon, we enjoyed a football competition in our classes. It was a culmination of everything we've practised this half term, and despite some inclement weather conditions, we had a great time. We also finished off our gymnastics lessons with a performance, and we showed off our spy-themed dance to Year 6.

We enjoyed a bit of a science-athon this week really consolidating our understanding of states of matter. We completed a few exciting experiments to explore how different things change state when cooled/heated, and explored the water cycle in lots of detail! We discovered how everything around us is made up of tiny particles and we looked at how these particles behave differently in solids, liquids and gases.

We'd like to take this opportunity as a Year 4 team to thank you for your continued support throughout the first term. We'd also like to say thank you for all your kind gifts and cards we all received this week too.

All that's left to do is for us to wish you all a lovely and enjoyable festive period.



YEAR 5

An Amazing Term!

What an amazing term we have had in Year 5! We started out by discovering the Land of Neverbelieve, built it into a tourist destination and finally travelled to the future to see what a state it had been left in! We have certainly squeezed a lot into one half term! We have absolutely loved this narrative, but are super excited to begin our new narrative in January which is based all around the ancient Greeks!

In PE, we had our Dance performance this week. Our superhero routine went down a storm with the Year 3's that watched us and we are super proud of how far we have come in such a short space of time! We also had our football tournament this week. Our skills and technique has improved a lot and everybody worked really hard!

We have finished our final pieces in art, inspired by William Morris and John Dyer. We have used the new medium of oil pastels and although we found it challenging, we persevered and they look amazing!

We hope you have a fantastic Christmas! Stay safe and see you all in January!



YEAR 6

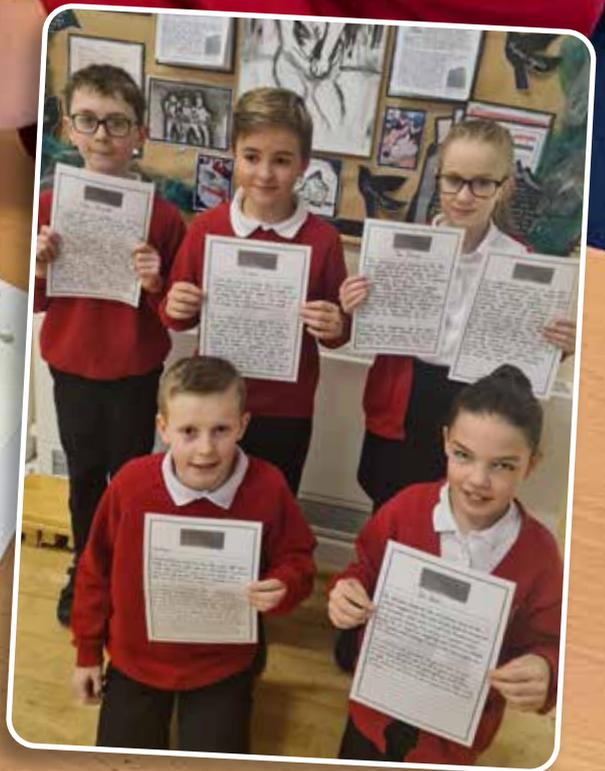
A Fantastic Term!

What a term it's been! Year 6 have worked extra hard this week and have certainly earned a Christmas break.

In P.E., the children competed in a football tournament. They applied the skills they have learnt over the last 7 weeks and worked wonderfully in their teams.

To conclude our Narrative on WW1, children created a piece of art inspired by Banksey and Martin Impey. We used water colours to imitate the style and send a powerful message.

The children embarked on a Christmas Journey where they reflected deeply on the birth of Jesus and God's plan.



HOMework

Year 3

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Spelling: Your child will bring home the 5/6 spelling list. Please practise these over the Christmas period.

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Special Mentions		
3LS	Frankie H	For simply being a joy to teach and a ray of sunshine. Good luck in your new school and keep shining bright!
3RG	Eliana M	For always trying your best in all that you do. Your effort does not go unnoticed.
3SG	Liberty S	For always being so enthusiastic towards every aspect of school life and you are an absolute ray of sunshine around school.
4AM	Daniel F	For persevering this week with your report on the River Calder. You took your time, and put in lots of effort to publish this piece of writing. You were rightfully proud of your achievements! Well done.
4EB	Felicity M	For showing our Christian value of perseverance by spending time and effort on your flooding information video.
4LH	Brook H	For always asking for extra input so you can be successful. The time and effort you put into your learning is showing in the super progress you are making. Well done!
5BR	Sam	You put 100% effort into everything you do! You are an absolute pleasure to teach and such a role model to Year 5! Keep it up!
5FD	Dom W	For creating a successful description. You took your time and put in a lot of effort to write in complete sentences. Keep it up Dom!
5MF	Henry S	For perseverance in your artwork!
6CS	Kieran P	For being an all round super star and a joy to teach. Your attitude to your learning is exceptional and you're always kind and helpful to others.
6EZ	Olivia W	For always showing perseverance and determination in your learning.
6ZR	Joshua C	For showing a super attitude to learning, especially when publishing. Your determination and effort has not been unnoticed. Keep practising and you will continue to shine!

KEY DATES 2021-22

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

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Mr V Foster

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