

Southdale **SPARKLE**

Down T'Pit!

This week, our Year 3 children visited the National Coal Mining Museum to find out exactly what life was like for Victorian mining families. They had a wonderful day learning all about different mining jobs and the terrible working conditions.



Pit Patter

These are some of the things that you might have heard when you worked in a mine.

'Shut your Trap!'

'That were as much use as a wet blanket!'

'Ey up! Knock a notch off!'

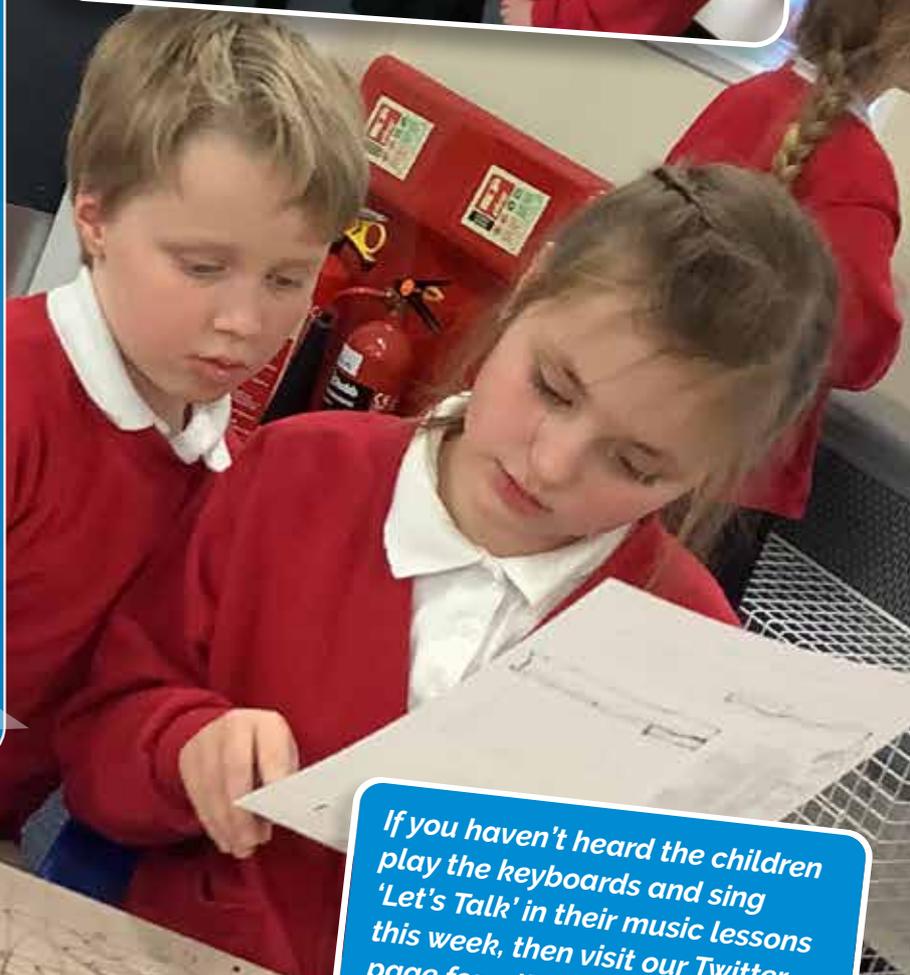
'Ee ain't worth a light!'

More of these photos will be available soon via the Southdale Online Gallery. Access details will be provided.

YEAR 3

Pit Inspectors arrive at Caphouse Colliery

It is 1838. The children are devastated to hear the horrific news about The Huskar Mining Disaster that occurred in Silkstone, not far away from our doorstep! Through re-enacting this inquest using a variety of dramatic techniques, sources and first hand experience in the coal mine, the children have developed their understanding of how this disaster happened. The shocking news that 26 children drowned in this disaster has urged them to find out more about life working in the mine, the jobs that were carried out and the conditions that children and families had to work in within their history lesson.



If you haven't heard the children play the keyboards and sing 'Let's Talk' in their music lessons this week, then visit our Twitter page for a little flavour of the musical magic that continues to develop in Year 3!



YEAR 4

Disgusting Digestion!

This week, we have been exploring the 'ins and outs' of the digestive system, and it was exactly as revolting as it sounds! We replicated the contents of the stomach after a meal. After that, we poured the mixture into the leg of a pair of tights to represent the small intestine where nutrients can be removed and enter the blood stream. Then, the rest of the undigested food made its way into the large intestine where it was compacted and eventually 'passed' out of the body. It was great way to learn about what happens when you eat – and certainly gave us 'food for thought!'



YEAR 5

We Got the Job!

In Year 5 this week, we have been continuing with our narrative, 'It's all Greek to me'. Pierre's personal assistant sent us a video to inform us that he wants us to start working on the park straight away. Our first task is to write a description on our own mythical creatures.

We have had to create a mythical creature which included at least three strong animals that we can describe to put in our theme park, Puy de Fou. Our designs look amazing and we have been planning the descriptions which we can't wait to write next week!



Tag rugby and netball continued to be our focus this week in PE. In netball we were focusing on defenders and spotting our opposing team! In rugby, we incorporated more passing into our games and adding the tag element into the game.



In science this week, we have begun our new topic: forces. We have learnt how to draw force diagrams using the forces gravity, air resistance, water resistance and surface resistance. We discussed how we know if forces are balanced or unbalanced and added this to our diagrams.



YEAR 6

Professional Journalists!

Year 6 have begun to write their scripts for their news broadcast and report on the tragic deaths of Romeo and Juliet. We have mastered some new technology and recorded our news reports using greenscreens. We are incredibly pleased with the outcomes – if you would like to see a few of them, then please head to our Twitter page!



In Art, we have created mood boards to reflect the artistic nature of Roma Halter and his experiences of living through the Holocaust.



THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 3

Reading: Some children will be bringing home additional reading material to support their daily phonics sessions. This is in addition to their home reading book. 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 are currently learning our 8 times table.

Spelling pattern

The 'igh' sound spelt 'y'

Shy fly

Sky cry

Rely nearby

Reply petrify

Terrify multiply

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

Words with the 'sh' sound spelt 'ch'

Chef

Chalet

Chandelier

Chute

machine

brochure

moustache

parachute

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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

The **S** sound spelt **SC**:

Scent

Science

Desc**sc**end

Fasc**sc**inate

Scissors

Scene

Musc**sc**le

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Spelling pattern

If you remove **-able** from a word, you are left with a complete word (renew**able**, renew).

If you remove **-ible** from a word, you are not left with a complete word (sens**ible**, sens).

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head Teachers Award



Rihanna Z

For showing amazing resilience in your learning. You always put in huge amounts of effort. We are all extremely proud of the progress that you have made! Well done!

Special Mentions

3LS	Harry W	For showing a growth mind-set in maths, making lots of connections between calculations, and for really believing in yourself!
3RG	Max H	For independently putting extra effort into his English work this week when analysing a text. You certainly know what makes a text successful!
3SG	Eddie B	For always giving 100% and showing the Southdale Sparkle in all that you do.
4AM	Seth D	For really focusing on your writing this week, and producing a wonderful report on deforestation.
4EB	Charlie I-C	For a great piece of writing this week and for showing empathy for the animals, plants and people effected by deforestation.
4LH	Annabelle H	For writing a super non-chronological report about deforestation. The effort you have put in to editing it was inspiring! Well done!
5BR	Elodie C	For really putting in the extra effort out of school and working really hard in our tutoring! It is paying off!
5FD	Eliza O	For always producing your best work, being kind and helpful and a fantastic role model to everyone. Keep on shining Eliza!
5MF	Megan T	For your always putting in 100% effort into all aspects of your learning – it doesn't go unnoticed!
6CS	Grace A	For a positive and infectious attitude to all her learning and work. Grace never shies from a challenge and is always on hand to support others. A wonderful person to have at Southdale!
6EZ	Ada M	For always putting 100% into everything you do. You spread positivity and always come into the classroom ready to learn with a smile on your face. You are a pleasure to teach.
6ZR	Max A	For your energy and enthusiasm in promoting reading – your passion is truly contagious Max!

Chef of the Week

Max H (3RG)

For being so keen to develop your culinary skills - you always listen so well and your attitude to learning is amazing!

KEY DATES 2021-22

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