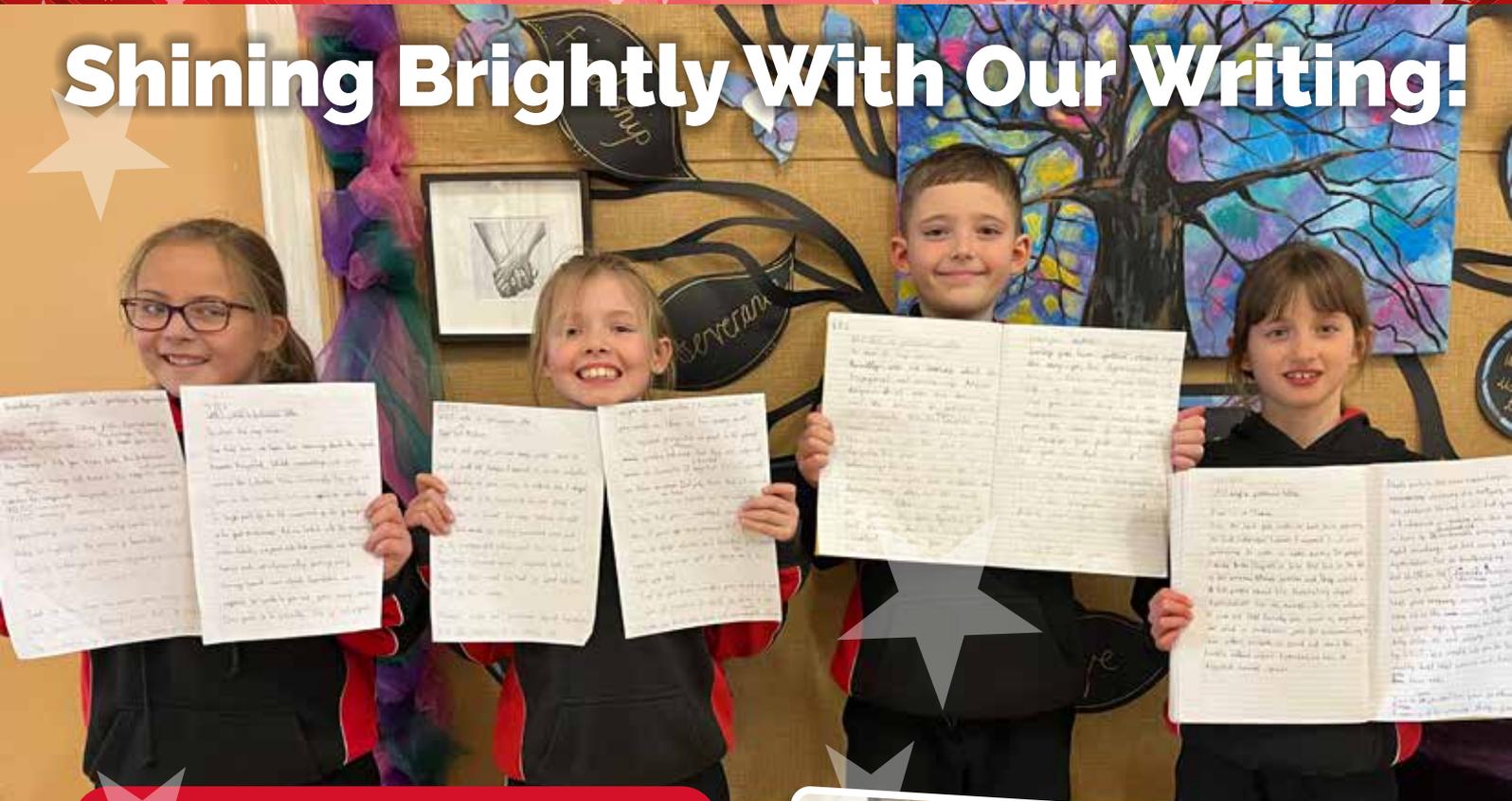


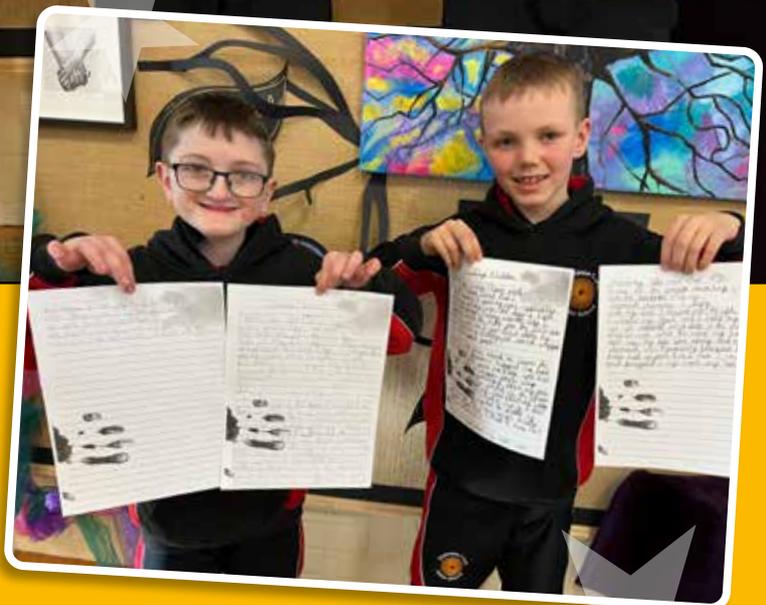
Southdale SPARKLE

Shining Brightly With Our Writing!



Part of our learning that never ceases to shimmer with the Southdale Sparkle is our wonderful writing!

As authors, we take a huge amount of pride in the writing we produce – from analysing what makes a text effective, to creating detailed plans that allow our writing to be the best it can be. We take utmost pride in the finished product of our writing; using talk partners to help we edit our work thoroughly before publishing the final result we the greatest care and attention. We simply love our writing!

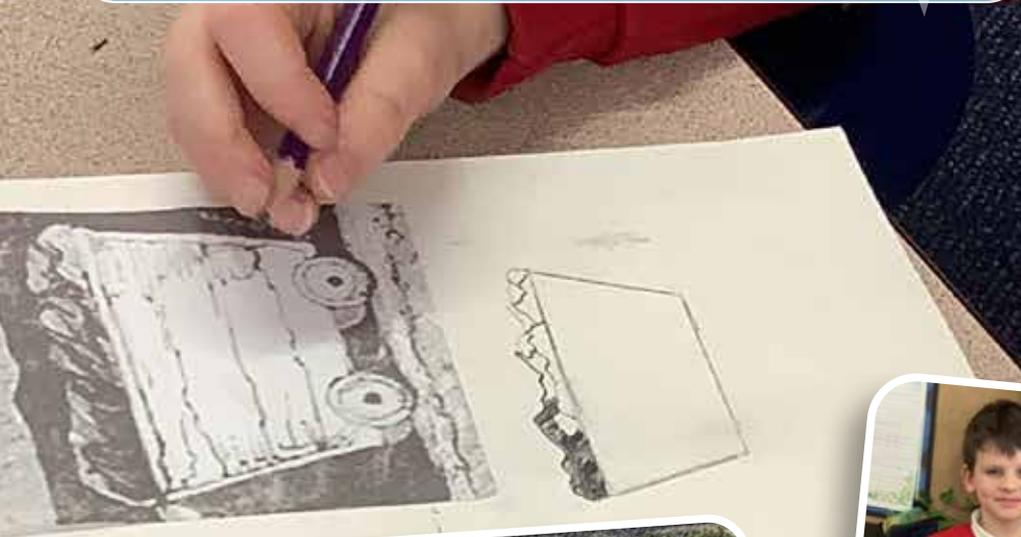


YEAR 3

Smashed it!

Our Spring Assessments have taken place this week. The children have shown great focus and determination, and we can't wait to share their outcomes with you at parents' evening.

In the rest of the curriculum, we have been exploring the process of print making in our coal mining themed artwork. In science, we have been experimenting with magnets and have even designed our own magnet-related game. We have continued to develop our keyboard skills in music, and in PE, we have been learning the rules of tag rugby ready for next week's tournament.



YEAR 4



Terrific Toucans!

This week, we enjoyed painting our toucans in Art. Using acrylic paint, we carefully painted our final outcomes. We are so proud of our finished pieces!

4AM made some delicious sweet potato and spinach curry with Miss Woolley this week. The children enjoyed working collaboratively to make some very delicious outcomes.



YEAR 5



A Brilliant Penultimate Week!

Our paper mache dried brilliantly and we started the painting process this week! We now just need to add another layer of paint and the detail of meander!

In French this week, we have been practicing our verbs to swim, to run, to jump, to play. We did this by playing a game of Simon says (Jaques dit)!

Finally, we have been doing some scientific enquiry in science. We were doing an enquiry looking at testing air resistance. We made parachutes and dropped them from a height. Our only variable was the size of the paper on the parachute! We recorded our results and next week, we will be coming to a conclusion.

Looking forward to one final week before half term, with lots of exciting opportunities!

YEAR 6

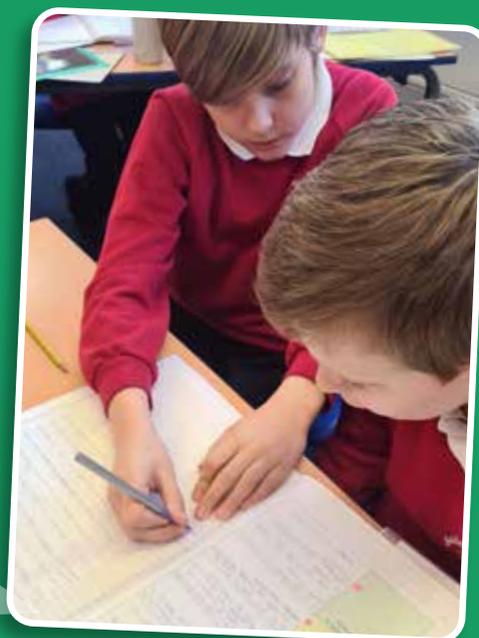


We're Going to the Ball!

Brace yourselves for the event of the year! We are so excited to be preparing for our very own Romeo and Juliet masked ball. In order to attend, we have been busy designing our own, unique masks, taking inspiration from some of the masks they used to wear in the 1500's. We had to consider shape, colour and pattern, and we cannot wait to make a start on creating these next week!

In English, we are really getting into the role of Juliet Capulet, writing a letter to her father to stop the marriage to Count Paris. We read parts of the playscript to magpie any specific Shakespearean language that we could manipulate for our own letters. We are looking forward to publishing and performing these very soon.

Looking closely at the Muslim values, we have discovered why and how Muslim charities change the world. Considering all their key beliefs and actions, we created our own word arts to summarise what we had learnt.



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 3 times table.

Spelling pattern

The 'igh' sound spelt **y**

sh**y** sky

dr**y** cr**y**

fl**y** repl**y**

terr**if**y horr**if**y

multipl**y** butterfl**y**

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. We are currently learning our 8 times table, so please encourage your child to go on the 'garage' mode. We have set the focus times tables they need to work on.

Spelling pattern

Words with the **sh** sound spelt **ch**

Chef

Chalet

Chandelier

Chute

ma**ch**ine

bro**ch**ure

mousta**ch**e

para**ch**ute

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

The 'zhun' sound spelt 'sion'

Decis**ion**

Vis**ion**

Confus**ion**

Revis**ion**

Eros**ion**

Invas**ion**

Year 6

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 homework.

Spelling pattern

We are looking at plural nouns.

The rule is that if a noun ends in **s, ss, x, sh, ch** (when pronounced ch) or **tch** we add **-es** to make it plural..

Have a go at these:

bus buses

address addresses

box boxes

beach beaches

dish dishes

ditch ditches

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head Teachers Award



**Olivia L
(6EZ)**

For always putting so much effort in your work and approaching challenges with a smile. You always show the Southdale Sparkle and are simply shining in year 6!

Special Mentions

3LS	Harmony P	For radiating positivity in everything you do.
3RG	Harley G	For staying focussed and putting lots of effort into his reading and writing assessments this week.
3SG	Bobby H	For working hard during assessments this week. You are making so much progress. Keep up the hard work.
4AM	Annie F-B	For showing great enthusiasm and working hard on your brand-new vocabulary book!
4EB	Isaac G	For taking his time and persevering with his art work to make it the best it can be. You are always someone I can rely on to do your best!
4LH	Leon S	For writing a fantastic persuasive letter. You certainly have put a lot of effort into it!
5BR	Jack H	For putting so much effort into his presentation and working really hard in improving his writing. Keep it up Jack!
5FD	Charlie B	For putting 100% effort into your mythical beast description. Keep on shining Charlie!
5MF	Ebony C	For growing confidence at adding and subtracting fractions – plus a great demonstration of how to do it to the rest of the class!
6CS	Joanna M	For always been a great role model and taking advantage of every minute to showcase what she can do.
6EZ	Joe P	For fully immersing himself in our reading culture and sharing his book recommendations with the class. You always shine!
6ZR	Sophie H	For simply being a kind and caring member of the school, and always supporting your peers with their learning. The time and effort you dedicate is inspiring!

KEY DATES 2021-22

Upcoming events

16 March	Y5 trip to Leeds Mosque
29 March	Y4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
7 April	Easter disco
10, 11 & 12 May	Y3 Danelaw Stoneage
7 & 8 June	Y3 Little Deer Wood
11 - 13 July	Y4 Robinwood
18 - 20 July	Y5 Whitby
21 July	Y6 Prom Dimple Well Lodge Hotel

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



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