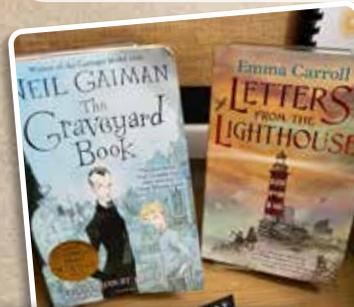


Southdale SPARKLE

Celebrating Reading!



We know that reading for pleasure has the most powerful and positive impact on a child's future success. It really does change their lives. We do everything we can to celebrate books and reading, not just on World Book Day, but each and every day. We aim to have a world book year! It was lovely to see children across year groups sharing books together this week and having conversations about books and reading.



PLEASE SPONSOR US!

It is not long now until our very own Wakefield Hospice 1km run on 18th March. Your child should have come home with a sponsor form this week and a link to our Just Giving page. All the money we raise will be going to Wakefield Hospice who do amazing work across our community. We really appreciate your support and every donation makes a difference.

Children can either collect money as their sponsors or ask people to give directly to our Just Giving page! Thank you, once again, for your support!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/southdale-southdale>



AMAZING OUTCOMES!

We are always incredibly proud of our children's outcomes; their hard-work and their determination to be the best they can be and shine like stars in the universe!



YEAR 3



A Mysterious Iguana!

This week in Year 3, we have been launched into our new 'Galapagos' narrative in the role of zoo keepers working at London Zoo. On Monday, an unusual iguana was left abandoned outside the zoo's gates. The reptile has been identified as a marine iguana which is endemic to the Galapagos Islands! Unfortunately, it is gravely ill and needs our help. Since its arrival, our mission has been to research everything we can about a marine iguana's natural habitat and diet so that we can look after this vulnerable creature and help it to recover.

YEAR 4

Ivan!

Following on from our brilliant work on deforestation last half term, we received an email from GreenPeace with our next task. They sent us some links to watch as well as a box with some unusual objects inside. With further investigation, we discovered the contents of the box is linked to a gorilla called Ivan.

Having watched one of the videos, we are outraged at Ivan's living conditions, and we have decided to fight for this gorilla. We feel that they have to do something to investigate what has happened and how this gorilla has found itself living in a shopping mall for so many long years.

In Science this week, we explored different animal and plant habitats. We examined the pond area in school to see what insects and minibeast we could find!



YEAR 5



RISE UP!

Year 5 kick-started their half term with a trip to the church to take part in a carousel of contemplative activities centred around our brand new narrative: 'Rise Up!' - the story of slavery. We learned about the life of Harriet Tubman – an incredibly brave woman who led many slaves to freedom at an incredible personal risk.

Our first PE afternoon may have been rained off – again! - but we still managed to work on our basic ball control skills as we began learning the ropes in tennis!



In science we learnt about Sir Isaac Newton and the theory of gravity. We discovered the difference between weight (measured in Newtons) and mass (measured in kilograms). We used mathematical skills to read the scales on a force meter to measure the weight and mass of various objects!



YEAR 6



Most Peculiar!

What a fantastic first week back! We started the week with a peculiar visit to a peculiar shop in our school. Missing children posters and lots of dolls, all shapes and sizes, left us with many questions about our peculiar narrative. Our mission for the next two weeks is to produce a descriptive narrative to save our careers! Watch this space as our narrative unfolds.

Year 6 have begun to develop their skills in tennis and learn all about precision and control. We had a go at balancing and bouncing the ball with our rackets, striving to increase our score every time.



We have started our new science topic on Evolution and Inheritance. We were very curious about the different types of fossils and can't wait to continue our learning!



THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 3

Reading: Please read with your child at home every day for at least 20 minutes. All children will have received their Marine Iguana magazine to help them with their research.

Maths: Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars. This week, we have been learning our 6 times tables. Children also have a weekly My Maths activity to complete.

Spelling pattern

The **j** sound

Jacket

Join

Gentle

Gem

Ch**ar**ge

Fr**in**ge

Bad**g**e

Splod**g**e

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

Adding the suffix **-shun** spelt **-ion**:

educat**ion**

collect**ion**

invent**ion**

attract**ion**

celebrat**ion**

act**ion**

exaggerat**ion**

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

Prefixes **il, im, in, un,** and **dis:**

Unkind
Impatient
Unclear
Disobey
Impractical
Illogical
Illegal
Illegible
Incomplete
Impossible
Disappear
Disagree
Disqualify

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 homework.

This week, we are introducing the weekly CGP homework book. Please complete page 55 and 56 of the white work book. You can use page 66 in your red revision book to support you.

Spelling pattern

Continue to practise the Year 3 /4 and Year 5/6 words.

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head Teachers Award



**Emmeline W
(3SG)**

For your generosity, kindness and talent. You simply shine like a star in the universe and we are so proud to have you as part of our Southdale family. Thank you for making so many beautiful bracelets for our Wakefield Hospice charity.

Special Mentions

3LS	Caleb D	For your focus, energy and inspirational sportsmanship in PE.
3RG	Lexi N	For being a great talk partner when discussing books with another year group. You really appreciated the discussions you had.
3SG	George G	For your enthusiasm towards our new narrative. You have completed some fantastic research ready for writing focus. Well done.
4AM	Shan S	For showing fantastic enthusiasm in all lessons this week. You're always keen to share your ideas with us all!
4EB	Thomas B	For always striving to do your best by demonstrating your growth mindset after finding something tricky.
4LH	Jack N	For giving the class extra input in music. You are an expert at changing the chords when playing the ukulele, and you demonstrated this to the class. Well done!
5BR	Finlay O	For putting so much effort into all of your work. You are a pleasure to have in class! Keep up the good work!
5FD	Amaani A	For an improved effort towards all of your work and sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm during RE. Keep it up!
5MF	Amelie M	For the 'can do' attitude you bring with you every day!
6CS	Luan B	For having a positive attitude about the mistakes you make and sharing these with others! You have a wonderful understanding of how to be a successful learner and it shines through.
6EZ	Iris N	For being a positive role model. You always put effort, time and practise into your work. You spread kindness and always make the right choices. Well done!
6ZR	Mia S	For showing kindness in more ways than one. You are a responsible and mature young lady.

Chef of the week

Sophie H and Emily C from 6ZR

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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C of E Junior school

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