

Southdale SPARKLE

Responsibility!

This half term we are focusing on our Christian value of responsibility.

We are living by the statement,

'we are each responsible for our own conduct'. Galatians 6 v 5.

We do whatever it takes at Southdale to ensure our children receive the best education, but how we treat people and approach every aspect of life, is even more important; we want our children to give their very best in their approach to learning and interactions with others.

This is how we truly shine like a star in the universe!



YEAR 3

New Home for Iguana!

This week, the children have continued to learn about our new resident, the marine iguana, who has now settled into its brand new enclosure and is growing in strength every day. We are extremely proud of the children's efforts and enthusiasm both at home and at school. The enclosure designs and 3D models are outstanding!

In science this week, we have been looking more closely at the impressive variety of animal and plant species that live on the Galapagos Islands. We have grouped and classified these living things in different ways, and after reading individual fact files, we have also learned all about each animal's habitat and diet.

In music, we have started learning the ukulele. It is tricky learning an instrument, but we have a great growth mindset and have been practising the chords of C and F major.

YEAR 4

Ivan update!

We now know that Ivan is being held in captivity in a shopping mall. He lives in a small concrete and glass domain and spends his days looking out at the humans scurrying around the shopping mall. He notes, with interest, the strange habits the humans have; the way they interact with him and the 'things' they have. We've taken on the role of Ivan to write about his day.

In science this week, we looked at classification keys and visited Spring Mill. We explored the natural environment and looked at the different habitats

We were delighted to see that lots of new trees had been planted at Springmill as a result of all our hard work last half term.



YEAR 5

We finally managed to get outside for PE this week and started working on our tennis skills in more depth. We were working on ball feeding and using the 'C' when using the racket.



The Life of Harriet Tubman!

We have been using a variety of drama techniques in English to get into the thought process of Harriet Tubman. We are preparing to write a diary entry in her perspective. We have been using hot seating (questioning Harriet about her decisions) and freeze frames (posing in a position and exploring thoughts at that exact moment). It has really helped us delve into her life and are excited to start planning our diary next week.

Miss Ryan, and of course our year 5 teachers, are amazed at our facial proportion artwork. The results are incredible and we cannot wait to develop them further throughout the rest of the term.



YEAR 6

Kindness!

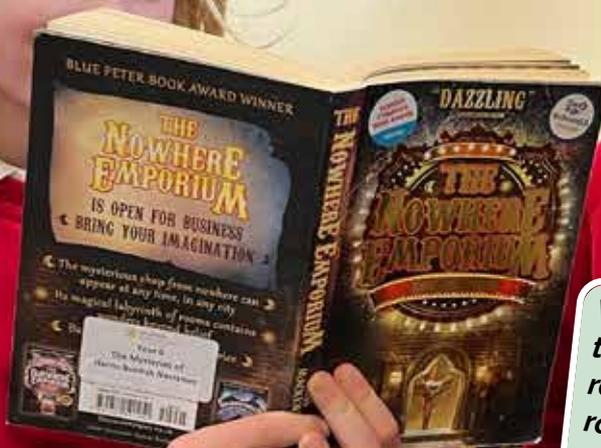
In Y6, we have been having a real focus on being the very best versions of ourselves. One of the most important things we can learn in school is kindness. Who you are isn't about how clever you are or how good at sports you are. Who you are is how you make others feel. We are choosing to lift each other up; to have kind actions and words and to act with integrity!

We are really enjoying reading 'The Nowhere Emporium'. We are becoming much more avid readers and developing a real love for books. Recommending books to each other is part of our day-to-day life

in year 6 – our list of books to read is getting longer by the day!

In our guitar lessons, we have loved practising the chords and lyrics to the song we are learning - 'Ghostbusters' and we cannot wait until we perfect this!

We are looking forward to our breakfast club next week for assessment week – see you bright and early at school for a sausage sandwich or a slice of toast!



We have been really mastering our maths this week and have learnt co-ordinates, ratio and statistics. We even took on the role of teachers and spotted and corrected mistakes and misconceptions



THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 3

Reading: Please read with your child at home every day for at least 20 minutes.

Maths: Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars. This week, we have been consolidating our 6 times tables.

Children also have a weekly My Maths activity to complete.

Spelling pattern

The 'o' sound spelt **a** after **w** and **qu**

Was

Want

Wash

Quality

Quarrel

Wallet

Squash

Year 4

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.

Children also have a weekly My Maths activity to complete.

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

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. Please remember to fill in your bookmarks each time you read.

Maths: Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars and complete their weekly maths homework

Spelling pattern

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

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head Teachers Award



Henry A

For helping make lunchtimes even better. Henry, you have used your intuitive, showed kindness and responsibility – you are a great role-model. Well done!

Special Mentions

3LS	Isla F	For listening carefully to guidance, staying focused and taking the time to master your handwriting joins.
3RG	Theo B	For being open about his learning, recognising the most appropriate strategies to use and being able to explain this.
3SG	Emily C	You are constantly striving to be the best that you can be and I can see how hard you are trying with your handwriting too.
4AM	Blake	For excellent work in cooking this week, and for trying your absolute best in class to remain focused.
4EB	Ava W	For showing focus and effort during our first tennis lesson focussing on racket control. Well done Ava!
4LH	Reece H	For writing a super setting description. You have been rehearsing your sentences before you write them and the result is fantastic!
5BR	Jake B	Your attitude to learning and growth mindset have really improved! You can see this in your work too. Keep up the amazing effort!
5FD	John M	For being a supportive talk partner and showing a positive attitude towards your learning. Well done John!
5MF	Heidi W	For impressing us all with your sporting efforts in gymnastics and tennis!
6CS	Katie R	For encompassing everything the Southdale Sparkle stands for. You are hardworking, enthusiastic, friendly and full of positivity!
6EZ	Olivia W	You have shown great resilience when solving tricky maths problems. This is key to being a successful learner. Keep it up!
6ZR	Harry W	For putting in 110% effort into your maths, and for dedicating your time at home to practise your learning!

KEY DATES 2021-22

Upcoming events

16 March	Y5 trip to Leeds Mosque
29 March	Y4 Yorkshire Wildlife Park
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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