

# Southdale SPARKLE

## DISCO FEVER!

We had groovy music; fabulous outfits; a fun, photo booth; fluffy candy floss; delicious hot dogs and fabulous dancing: our school disco was certainly a hit with everyone. It was an absolute joy to see our children have so much fun and dance the evening away!

*Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible!*



# YEAR 3



## Show us the Light!

This week, we have been focusing on Science in our afternoons, where we have been learning all about light. To begin with, we completed an experiment to help us understand that darkness is the absence of light. We placed a variety of objects inside a box, pierced holes into it and then looked through the holes to see if we could identify the objects. We could barely see anything as there was not enough light inside, so we tried to shine a torch through the holes to see if that helped. This taught us that light only travels in straight lines as we could only see the items directly in the beam.

In maths, we have been learning about fractions. We have an understanding that not all equal parts look the same, and we have been able to identify the whole from the unit fraction.



# YEAR 4



*On Monday, we took part in the Wakefield Council, Daily Mile Challenge. We battled some pretty grim conditions to complete the challenge, but really enjoyed starting off the week in such an energetic way!*

## Creating Apps!

Once again, another jam-packed week to reflect upon. We've been tasked with reporting on the famous battle of Watling Street after learning all about the courageous and plucky Boudicca.

In computing this week, we started to look at the app, Keynote. We're going to work on creating a Roman Soldier app, recapping all the facts we included in our now completed non-chronological report.



# YEAR 5

## THE GREATEST SHOWMAN



### The Greatest show is coming soon!

This week in Year 5 we have continued to practice for our 'Greatest Show' performance. The children from each class have been singing, acting and they are now learning some tricky chair drumming parts too. The show is just a few weeks away and the excitement is beginning to grow, bring on the greatest show!

Our focus in maths this week has been on decimals. We have been multiplying and dividing decimals through the context of money. We have worked through some difficult word problems, and have used formal methods to calculate answers.



*During PE, we played a variety of sports on the field. The children practiced their batting skills in scatterball, communicating with teammates in foot-rounders and fielding skills in cricket. We will continue to hone our striking and fielding skills as we play more bat and ball games this half term.*

# YEAR 6

## Ancient Egypt!

This week, we have delved straight into our narrative, Ancient Egypt. With care, we handled real artefacts and discussed what their purpose may have been all those years ago. We also had the opportunity to work with hieroglyphics and inscribed our names onto real papyrus paper. This will support us with our next writing piece, as we are entering the Valley of the Kings, and stumbling across a tomb.

In art, we have sketched our scarab beetles in preparation for our final pieces. Did you know that scarab beetles symbolize the restoration of life, and therefore are a popular design for good luck charms?

On Thursday, the majority of us had our transition day at high school, and we are looking forward to starting in September.



# THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

## Year 3

**Reading:** 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. Please also remember that your child has a weekly 'My Maths' homework task to complete.

### Spelling pattern

Adding the suffix **-er** or **-est** (If the word ends in a 'y', we swap the 'y' for an 'i' before adding er or est.)

Happ**ier**  
Happ**iest**  
Sill**ier**  
Sill**iest**  
Funn**ier**  
Funn**iest**

Joll**ier**  
Joll**iest**  
Spik**ier**  
Spik**iest**

## Year 4

**Reading:** Please encourage your child to read every day for a minimum of 15 minutes. Read to them; read with them; re-read books, magazines, articles. It really does make such a difference!

**Maths:** Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars. Please also remember that your child has a weekly 'My Maths' homework task to complete.

### Spelling pattern

We will be recapping the year 3/4 statutory spelling list words over the next few weeks. Please look over these words with your child at home.

accident	calendar	eight	guide	mention	possession	straight
accidentally	caught	eighth	heard	minute	possible	strange
actual	centre	enough	heart	natural	potatoes	strength
actually	century	exercise	height	naughty	pressure	suppose
address	certain	experience	history	notice	probably	surprise
although	circle	experiment	imagine	occasion	promise	therefore
answer	complete	extreme	increase	occasionally	purpose	though
appear	consider	famous	important	often	quarter	thought
arrive	continue	favourite	interest	opposite	question	through
believe	decide	February	island	ordinary	recent	various
bicycle	describe	forward	knowledge	particular	regular	weight
breath	different	forwards	learn	peculiar	reign	woman
breathe	difficult	fruit	length	perhaps	remember	women
build	disappear	grammar	library	popular	sentence	
busy	early	group	material	position	separate	
business	earth	guard	medicine	possess	special	

# THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

## Year 5

**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 learning our 6 times tables.

Children also have a weekly My Maths activity to complete.

### Spelling pattern

Adding the suffix **-ion**

permission

progression

transmission

discussion

confession

## Year 6

**Homework:** What can you find out about our famous capital city? Find out as much as you can before we leave for London so you can spot those famous landmarks.

**Reading:** Please encourage your child to read every day for a minimum of 15 minutes. Read to them; read with them; reread books, magazines, articles. It really does make such a difference!

# THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

## Head Teachers Award



**Rory K  
(6EZ)**

Rory you are an excellent role model – you show a genuine interest in learning. You strive to be the best that you can be in all aspects of school life.

## Special Mentions

3LS	<b>Nikola C</b>	For your consistent, positive attitude towards learning. You always try your best in every single subject.
3RG	<b>Sam J.</b>	For delving deep into our reading sessions and exploring a text with great thought and wonder.
3SG	<b>George O'D</b>	For always giving 100% to your learning especially during our science experiments this week. You are an excellent role model in and out of the classroom.
4AM	<b>Noah W</b>	For always giving everything a go in lessons. Your quiet, hardworking nature never goes unnoticed.
4EB	<b>Eva-Mai D</b>	For always making the right choice and always trying your best at everything you do.
4LH	<b>Jacob S</b>	For showing an abundance of enthusiasm when planning our writing! You have put in lots of effort with your ideas. Well done!
5BR	<b>Matthew A</b>	For being an excellent role model, always giving 100% effort and showing that you are Year 6 ready. Well done!
5FD	<b>Amelia B</b>	For always putting in 100% effort and being an excellent role model for the whole of Southdale. Keep being you Amelia!
5TH	<b>Martha R</b>	For showing your resilience as a learner especially in English. Your positive attitude towards learning is wonderful to see. You always show the Southdale sparkle, well done!
6CS	<b>Katie R</b>	For embodying everything about the Southdale Sparkle since Year 3. You truly are an example of excellence for everyone to look up to and follow.
6EZ	<b>Daisy P</b>	For being such a fantastic role model. You are so kind and helpful and my class would not be the same without you!
6ZR	<b>Oliver R</b>	For embracing everything that comes your way. You are really striving to be the best possible version of you. Well done.

# KEY DATES 2021-22

Upcoming events	
<b>4 July</b> 5.30 to 7.00pm	New to Southdale Parents Evening
<b>6 and 7 July</b> Starts at 6.30pm	Aladdin trouble show stopper performance
<b>11 - 13 July</b> Depart Southdale 08.30am Depart Robinwood 13 July at 2.30pm	Y4 Robinwood
<b>15 July</b> Depart Southdale 08.45am Depart Flamingo Land 4.30pm	Y6 Flamingo Land
<b>18 - 20 July</b> Depart Southdale 08.15am Depart Whitby 20 July at 2.30pm	Y5 Whitby
<b>21 July</b> 7pm to 9pm	Y6 Prom Dimple Well Lodge Hotel

# KEY DATES 2022-23

## Autumn Term 2022

<b>Monday 5 September</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 6 September</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 20 October</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Friday 21 October</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Monday 31 October</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 16 December</b>	School closes for the Christmas Holidays

## Spring Term 2023

<b>Tuesday 3 January</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Wednesday 4 January</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 10 February</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 20 February</b>	School opens
<b>Monday 31 March</b>	School closes for Easter Holidays

## Summer Term 2023

<b>Monday 17 April</b>	School opens
<b>Monday 1 May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY
<b>Friday 26 May</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 5 June</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 21 July</b>	School closes for Summer Holidays
<b>Monday 24 July &amp; Tuesday 25 July</b>	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*