

# Southdale SPARKLE

## Hands-On Learning!

We are, as ever, continually proud of our children and how they approach all aspects of school life. When we stop and pause to look at all the learning that happens in a week, we are continually proud. We are delighted to be able to offer our children a curriculum which is full of hands-on real-life experiences! This week has seen us: learning the guitar; cooking a variety of dishes; using different knots and lashing to build shelters; building our PE skills, sewing and visiting the church – the list is endless.



# YEAR 3

## The Big Story!

On Tuesday morning, we visited Reverend Steve at Christ Church to learn all about the Big Story of the Bible. We learned about key aspects of the Bible such as Creation and Fall, Gospel, Kingdom of God and the Trinity. Now we are ready to begin our first Understanding Christianity unit.



In music, we met Mr Hill who is going to be teaching us how to play Ukulele. We also had a go at playing guitar.

In geography, we have been looking at different maps of the UK. We have analysed and compared a topographical map, an important cities map and a population map.



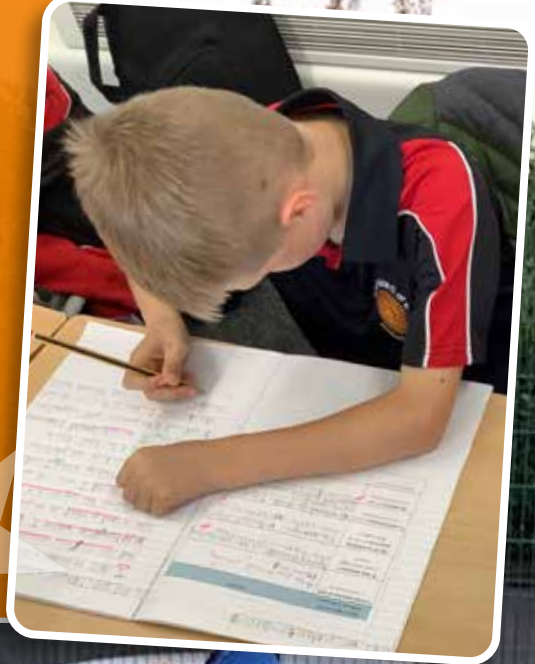
# YEAR 4

## The Paper Boat!

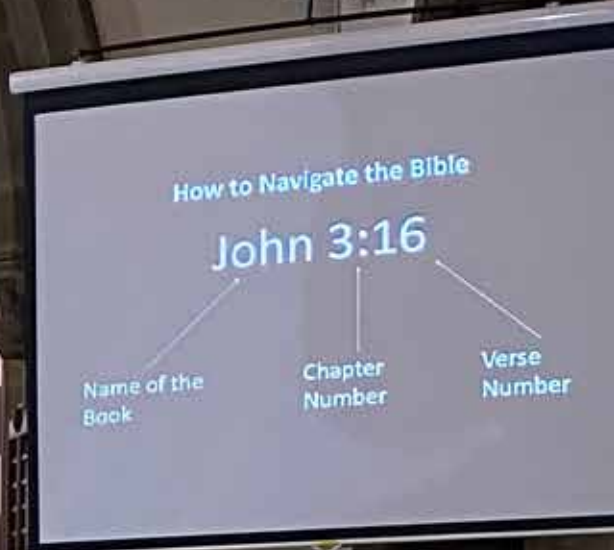
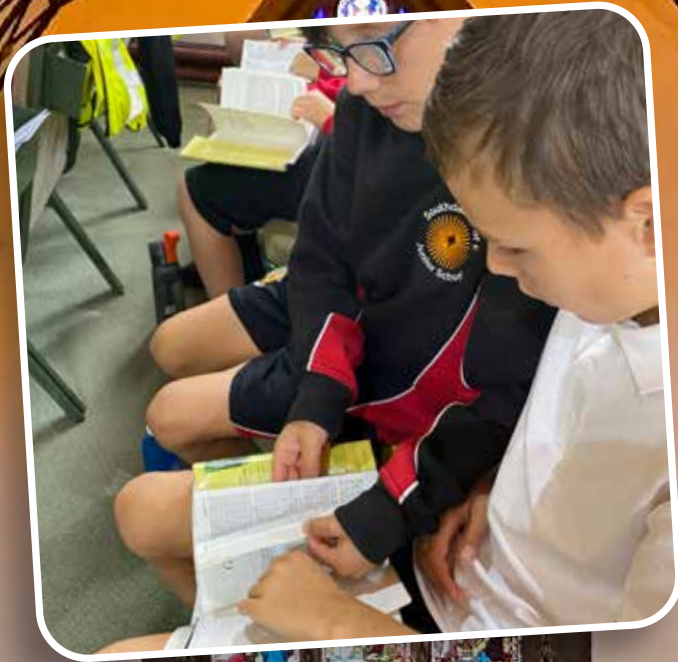
This week in Year 4, we have been drafting our first piece of writing, a story all about the journey of the paper boat. Some of our ideas and vocabulary have been outstanding and we are so impressed.

Our PE, we have been sprinting and jogging. We have really focused on our stamina and technique to be able to run for longer periods.

Our musical juices have been flowing, as we have been practicing our body percussion using a variety of rhythms and pulses.



# YEAR 5



## The Kingdom of God!

We had a great time this week visiting our local church. As part of our Religion and Worldviews curriculum launch, we met with our Reverend Steve to understand more about the Bible.

We truly immersed ourselves in the different learning activities around the church to learn more about each part of the big story.

To list a few, we listened to hymns; investigated artwork; used water to think deeply about the Holy Spirit and even wrote some creative poems about the Kingdom of God! We are all now so excited to get stuck into our R.E. topic this term.

# YEAR 6



## The Ring of Fire!

With our new narrative well underway, we have been looking at earthquakes in geography, using atlases and various maps to locate where earthquakes occur. After much discussion, we realised that they occur on tectonic plate boundaries, with a vast amount being in the ring of fire. We cannot wait to dig even deeper into the different types of plate movement.

In maths, we have already been challenging ourselves by working with decimals in various ways. From number lines, to reasoning our answers, we are already shaping up to be excellent mathematicians!

Finally, in science, we investigated the law of reflection and worked like scientists to prove that light travels in straight lines.

# THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

## Year 3

**Reading:** If your child has a phonics book, please prioritise reading this with your child to build their fluency. Children should read for 20 minutes every day.

**Maths:** Your child has weekly maths homework on MyMaths.

Please encourage your children to practise their times tables on the Times Tables Rockstars app.

## 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.

## 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!

**Spelling pattern this week:**  
Continue to practise the Y3/Y4 spellings.

**Maths:** Please complete the 4 questions in your planner. These will be column addition questions that we have been practicing all week. *Due back 20.9.22*

## 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 and make a note of how many pages in the planner. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily!!

**Maths:** Please complete the mymaths homework linked to our maths learning this week.

**Spelling pattern this week:** Continue to practice the spelling list that was sent home for the summer holidays.

**Knowledge organiser:** This half term, we are learning about earthquakes and volcanoes. To support your child with this, we have sent home a knowledge organiser, which outlines what they will be learning this half term. We would love for you to discuss this with your child. E.g "Tell me about tectonic plates...".

# THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

## Head teachers Award



**Harry F  
(6TH)**

Harry, you are such an excellent role model! You give your all in everything you do. You approach all aspects of school life with kindness, enthusiasm and positivity!

## Special Mentions

3EB	<b>Harry W</b>	For being in the present moment in every lesson. You are always bursting to contribute. Keep it up!
3FD	<b>Tom C</b>	For putting 100% effort into your learning and asking for more input when you are finding it a little more challenging. Keep on shining Tom!
3LS	<b>Nova</b>	For approaching all your learning with enthusiasm and positivity. You light up the classroom with your beaming smile and are a wonderful role model.
4BR	<b>Maisie</b>	For being an absolute ray of sunshine and being a true role model to the school. You are supportive and super helpful! Keep up the amazing work Maisie!
4LD	<b>Benjamin O</b>	For putting 100% effort into all of your learning. You participate in all lessons and set a great example for others. Keep up your amazing work! Well done!
4LH	<b>Oscar J</b>	For being a super supportive talk partner and persevering when you find things difficult.
5AM	<b>Faith T</b>	For radiating positivity and joy. Your enthusiasm, thirst for learning and smiley nature enables you to shine each and every day!
5CW	<b>Mason B</b>	For always approaching each day with a bright smile and positive attitude that radiates and spreads to others.
5EZ	<b>Jack W</b>	For a fantastic start to Southdale. You shine everyday by giving each lesson your best effort. 5EZ are lucky to have you.
6KW	<b>Oscar M</b>	For your outstanding effort in class. You work so incredibly hard, and it doesn't go unnoticed. You should be so proud of how far you have come!
6TH	<b>Freddie M</b>	For your outstanding attitude towards PE this week. You motivated your teammates to give their all and made sure everyone was successful!
6ZR	<b>Reilly W</b>	For facing every challenge head on, for living and breathing our words of wisdom, AND for showing kindness to your peers and to staff.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## EVENTS/TRIPS/RESIDENTIALS

<b>Thursday 21 September</b>		Parents Curriculum open evening with class teacher  5:30-6:30pm
<b>Tuesday 3rd October</b>		Children's School Flu Vaccinations
<b>Monday 9th &amp; Tuesday 10th October</b>	Y5	Murton Park – Anglo Saxon day
<b>Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th &amp; Wednesday 15th November</b>	Y3	Murton Park - Stone Age day
<b>Thursday 30th November</b>		Christmas Fair: 3.00 to 6.00pm
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>		Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 14th December</b>		Christmas Disco  Y3 and Y4: 4.15 to 5.30pm Y5 and Y6: 5.30 to 7.00pm



# KEY DATES 2023-24

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>	
<b>Monday 4 September</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Tuesday 5 September</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 26 October</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Friday 27 October</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Monday 6 November</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 21 December</b>	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
<b>Friday 22 December</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>	
<b>Monday 8 January</b>	School opens
<b>Thursday 8 February</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Friday 9 February</b>	INSET DAY
<b>Monday 19 February</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 22 March</b>	School closes for Easter Holidays
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>	
<b>Monday 8 April</b>	School opens
<b>Monday 6 May</b>	BANK HOLIDAY
<b>Friday 24 May</b>	School closes for half term
<b>Monday 3 June</b>	School opens
<b>Friday 19 July</b>	School closes for Summer Holidays
<b>Monday 22 July</b>	INSET DAY

# SAFEGUARDING TEAM



**Mrs K Partington**

Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs R Mohebi**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs J Woolnough**

Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs L Helliwell**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mr V Foster**

Safeguarding Governor



**Southdale**

C of E Junior school

*Shining like stars in the universe*