

Southdale SPARKLE

Anti-Bullying Week



This week, in collective worship, we read the story 'Kindness Grows' by Britta Teckentrup. The book reminded us how kind words can heal the cracks left behind by angry words and actions.

'Our tree will grow much stronger the more we show we care. Built from love and kindness and the friendships that we share.'

"We really enjoyed this book, and it reminded us of the importance of standing up for what is right and fair. This means never being a bystander to bullying!"

Here at Southdale, we take bullying seriously all the time, not just for one week of the year. Our goal is to spread kindness wherever we go day in and day out. This is part of our sparkle!"

YEAR 3



Back to pre-historic Britain!

This week, we journeyed back in time to the Stone Age on our trip to Murton Park. We experienced life as a member of a Neolithic tribe and had the opportunity to learn how to hunt wild animals, weave wool to make blankets and clothing, grind corn to make flour for bread and use clay from the earth to make our very own pots. We had a wonderful time and have learned so much about the daily lives of our pre-historic ancestors.

YEAR 4



Electrifying Learning!

We started to look at our new science this week - electricity. We explored static electricity and investigated how it is created. We even carried out several fun experiments to see it in action!



In PE, we have been exploring the use of pike, straddle and tuck shapes on the apparatus. We have been using our strength and balance to hold positions for at least three seconds.

In our **One Life** lessons, we have been learning how to respond instead of react. We also discussed how our response can impact others around us.

YEAR 5

What a week!

In **Reading** this week, we have continued to learn all about the amazing Land of Neverbelieve. We have loved reading sections of the book with our partner and discussing all the intriguing animals that live on this wonderful island.

In **English**, we have finished writing our adverts. We have put a lot of time and effort into editing our work to make them super persuasive and we can't wait to publish them!



In P.E, this week we have begun our dance unit. We are focusing on creating a dance with our partner that is synchronised and to the beat.

YEAR 6



Blazing Blitz Bombards Britain!

It is 1940. We have taken on the role of citizens of London, caught in the crossfire of The Blitz. The blackout. The sirens. The bombs...After learning about what historians have discovered about this key event, we are writing a description to emphasise the true horrors of London at this time.

We are absolutely loving our **music** lessons. We have enjoyed learning about new composers; how to read music and learning chords on the keyboard.

During our **art** this week, we have started with some in-depth, tonal sketches of poppies. This will help us to build our skills in preparation for our final outcome.



THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 3

Reading:

Please support your child by listening to them read for 20 minutes every day and record this reading in their planner. It is also just as important and enjoyable to read to your child and model and promote that love and joy of reading.

Maths:

Please support your child by encouraging them to practise their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars.

My Maths HW

Add single digits – Please encourage your children to use their knowledge of number bonds to ten to help them do this.

History:

Talk to your child about our recent trip to Murton Park. Ask them what life was like for pre-historic people living in Neolithic Britain.

Year 4

Reading:

A book is a gift you can open again and again!

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:

This week, please continue to work on the 7- and 8-times tables with your child. Can you help your child recall these for example $8 \times 7 = 56$ (56 divided by $8 = 7$) There is a tournament on TTRockstars and some mymaths for your child to complete.

History:

This week, the children have been looking at the legacies of the Ancient Greeks. Ask them what the Ancient Greeks have done for us!

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 and make a note of how many pages in the planner. This will be checked by the class teacher every Tuesday. We can really see the difference this is making for our children who are reading daily!

'Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success!' The more pupils read, the more they will know. This will help them with every aspect of their learning!

Maths:

Please complete the maths questions-remember to do your working out! These will be division and multiplication practice, which links to what we have been learning in class. Due back 21.11.23.

Spelling pattern this week: we are focusing on the silent 'T'. Please practise the following spellings:

Glisten, Listen, Whistle, Nestle, Bustle, Hustle

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!

Did you know that only 19% of 8–10-year-olds have a book read to them daily by an adult? Why not enjoy a book together this weekend?

Maths:

Please complete page 16 in your maths CGP books. Due back 23.11.2023. You now all have your answers so feel free to mark them together at home to get instant feedback!

Spelling pattern this week:

Our new rule is the 'sh' sound spelt 'ti' and 'ci'. Here are some examples of spellings you can practice.

electrician, delicious, competition, musician, information, ancient

History:

This week, we have focused on the consequences of The Blitz, including thousands of lives lost, buildings destroyed and evacuations to the countryside. Please discuss with your child what they have learnt.

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head teachers Award



**Alex H
(6KW)**

You always give your all to your learning and show real perseverance every day. You are a great role model to our entire Southdale family. Keep your sparkle shining brightly!

Special Mentions

3EB	Addison F	For giving energy in every lesson. You are always aiming to be your best self in every lesson every day.
3FD	Edward J	For demonstrating your outstanding historical knowledge on our trip this week. You are a credit to Southdale Edward!
3LS	Francis B	For your wonderful attitude to life and learning. You embrace every new experience with positivity and enthusiasm, and you always bring your best self!
4BR	Sophie C	For being so polite and kind to everyone and giving 100%. Believe in yourself Sophie because you shine like a star!
4LD	Jake T	For your positive attitude in maths this week. You push yourself to make connections and you are applying this in your independent work.
4LH	Isla M	For being a resilient learner and tackling every problem with a positive attitude.
5AM	Lucas	You have worked so hard this week. You put time and effort in at home to help you with your English, and you demonstrated a really mature approach to your RE outcome too. Well done!
5CW	Charlie R	For showing a positive shift in your focus. Your extra effort has shone through and your handwriting continues to improve every day!
5EZ	Harry W	For being such a supportive and kind talk partner. You show resilience to all aspects of your learning- keep up the great work!
6KW	Harrison B	For your effort and enthusiasm during our history lessons. You have immersed yourself into the world of WW2 and your contributions to lessons have been fantastic!
6TH	Madison B	For thinking deeply during reading this week. You wowed me with your thought-provoking responses and I really enjoyed how you shared your perspective.
6ZR	Annie F-B	For being an all-round Southdale superstar! The extra work you have brought in from home just demonstrates how dedicated you really are to yourself. You are a pocket of sunshine!

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENTS/TRIPS/RESIDENTIALS		
Thursday 30th November		Christmas Fair: 3.00 to 6.00pm
Monday 4th December		Christmas Pantomime.
Thursday 14th December		Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14th December		Christmas Disco Y3 and Y4: 4.15 to 5.30pm Y5 and Y6: 5.30 to 7.00pm
Thursday 8th February 2024		Valentine's Disco
Tuesday 5th & Friday 8th March 2024	Y5	Bradford Industrial Museum
Tuesday 19th March 2024	Y4	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Monday 15th to Wednesday 17th April 2024	Y5	Boggle Hole Residential
Monday 22nd to Wednesday 24th April 2024	Y5	Boggle Hole Residential
Monday 29th April to Wednesday 1st May 2024	Y4	Robinwood Residential
Thursday 23rd May 2024		Summer Disco
Thursday 6th June 2024	Y3	Coal Mining Museum
Tuesday 11th June to Wednesday 12th June 2024	Y4	Danelaw (Romans)
Wednesday 19th June 2024	Y3	Coal Mining Museum
Monday 24th June 2024		Summer Fair
Wednesday 3rd July 2024	Y3	Coal Mining Museum
Thursday 18th July 2024	Y6	Year 6 Prom

KEY DATES 2023-24

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

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If you want to talk to us about safeguarding or have any safeguarding concerns, please contact a member of our 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