

Southdale SPARKLE

Christmas Extravaganza!

The Christmas fair was a joy to behold! Christmas music lingered in the air while children enjoyed playing games, eating delicious delights and spending time together. If anything was going to get us into the Christmas spirit, this was it!

The money raised will go towards school funds and we will let you know the total once we have it. As always, our Christian values were visible in bucket loads from our children and families - it melted our hearts to see children show such kindness and generosity to others. Thank you!



YEAR 3

The Discovery of Otzi

In **English**, we have been learning about how newspaper reports are structured; what techniques are used to grab the readers' attention and how information is quickly and clearly delivered. We will then use these techniques to write our own news report about the discovery of Otzi, a 5,000-year-old Neolithic man.

In **art**, we have been experimenting with charcoal in preparation for our final piece. We have practised the sketching techniques of smudging, stippling, back and forth shading and scumbling. This has helped us understand the tone, texture, shape and depth that can be created using this particular medium.



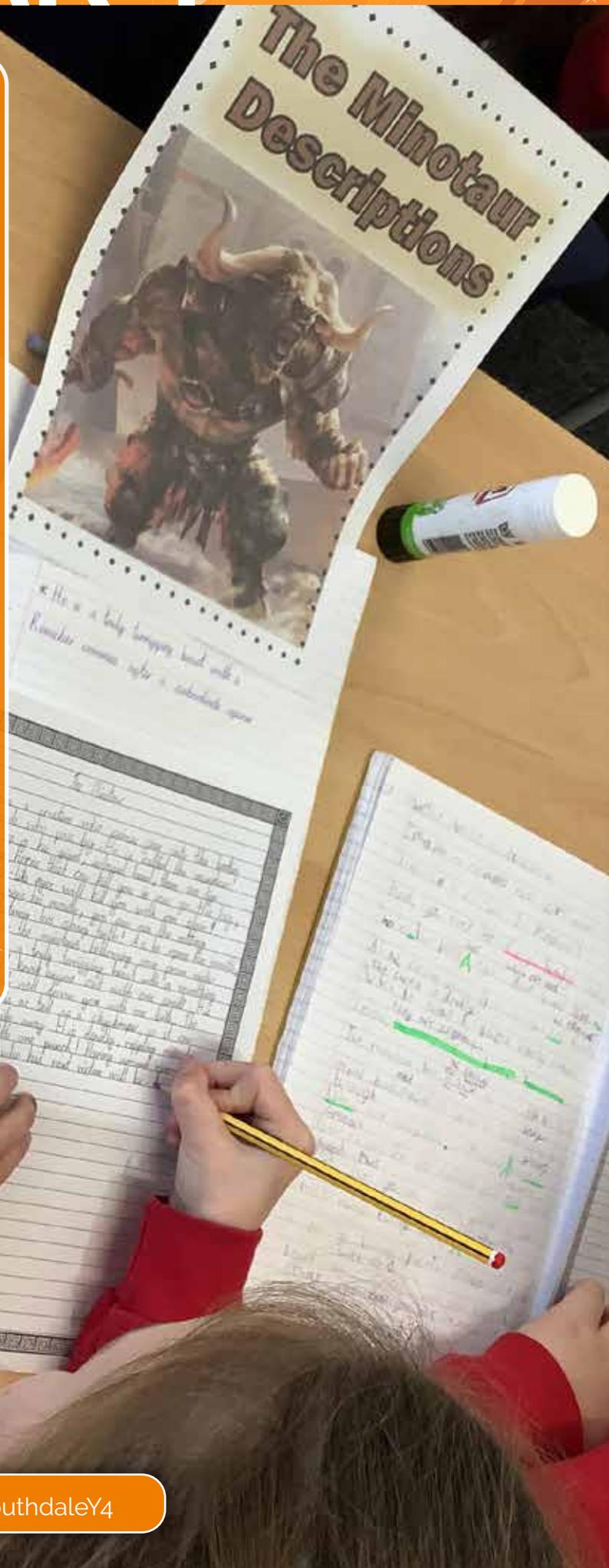
YEAR 4

History and Computing!

This week, we have been working on creating an E-book all about the Gods and Goddesses. We are including interesting facts about the Gods and reasons why the Greeks worshipped them. The children have enjoyed solving the mystery of why they suddenly stopped worshipping them!



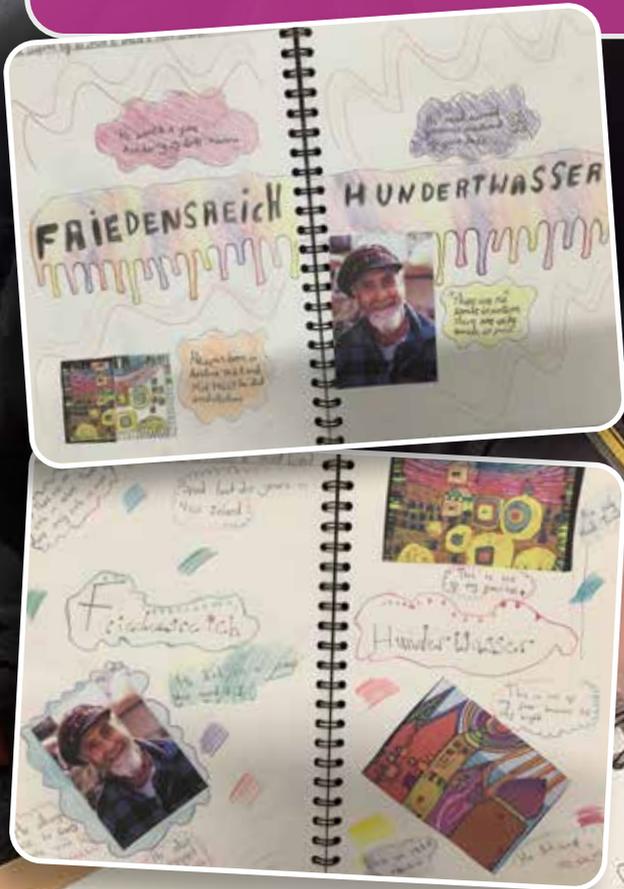
In **English**, we have certainly brought the Minotaur to life by writing some amazing descriptions.



YEAR 5

Getting Creative!

Year 5 have been inspired by the artist Fridensriech Hundertwasser. We have expressed ourselves by creating a mood board to summarise his life achievements and his artwork. We have recreated images; given our opinions on the artwork and applied his use of organic shapes to our own artwork. Using this, Year 5 will create their own interpretation of his work in a style you will 'Neverbelieve'.



YEAR 6



Hands on History!

On Tuesday, we had a very special visit from Histronics and were treated to a real W/WII experience. We loved learning about D-Day from real life accounts – they truly were extraordinary stories from ordinary people. We looked at W/WII artefacts and reenacted a story with a sentimental twist!

To follow up on this experience, we spent Wednesday morning in church. We reflected on the impact of W/WII and the lessons that we can learn from it.

We are extremely proud of the maturity, depth of thinking and engagement that our year 6 children have shown!

THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 3

Reading:

Please help your child to develop their fluency and love of reading by spending 20 minutes each day listening to and reading to your child.

Maths:

We have just started to learn the formal subtraction method. If you have time, please help your child to master this strategy.

History:

In history, we have been learning about the Neolithic settlement of Skara Brae. Ask your child to tell you where it is, what was unique about it and what historians and archeologists discovered.

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 working on the 7 timestable so please focus on this.

Spelling:

We are working on adding the prefix **inter** to words. Inter means among or between.

Internet, intercity, international.

History:

In history we will be finding out about Alexander the Great and the impact he had on invasion.

THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 5

Reading:

Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body. We cannot stress how vitally important reading for at least 20 minutes is.

Maths:

Please complete the mixed number and improper fraction questions. Due back 5.12.23.

Spelling pattern this week:

Adjectives spelt -e,-n,-t 'unt'

frequent

ancient

confident

patient

dependent

magnificent

Year 6

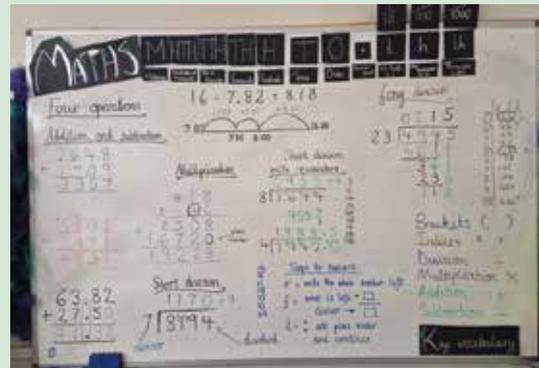
Reading:

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.

Maths:

Please complete page 23 in the CGP book. It is linked to multiples and factors which we have been learning about. This will be due back on the 07.12.2023.

Everyone now has this photo in their planners. You can use this to revise from and support with any homework.



Spelling pattern this week:

Please practise the spelling pattern 'silent letters'.

Gnome, **g**naw, **k**night, **w**histle, **a**utumn, **g**uessing, **k**nowledge, **r**ustled, **s**ubtle

History:

We have focused on the role and legacy of women in ww2 this week. Please use your knowledge organiser to quiz your child on this.

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head teachers Award



**Hannah B
(6KW)**

You always do the right thing! You shine in so many ways!

Special Mentions

3EB	Freya H	For showing up as your best self. You give everything a go with a smile on your face and you are always ready to take on the challenge.
3FD	Matilda L	For being such a supportive learning partner. You are a kind, hard-working and thoughtful member of our class Matilda.
3LS	Dylan G	For making such a huge effort to improve your handwriting and the overall presentation of your work in books. Keep it up!
4BR	Maiya H	For being so passionate about helping and ensuring our library is the best it can be. You are an exceptional role model!
4LD	Thomas G	For his fantastic reading this week. He has shown great enthusiasm and has used the new key vocabulary when answering questions. Great work Thomas!
4LH	Layla S	For putting lots of effort into your reading. The progress in fluency and expression is fantastic. Keep reading! Well done!
5AM	Isabelle Y	For being a positive 'ray of sunshine' each and every day. Your kindness and caring nature makes you an everyday role model to us all in 5AM. Well done.
5CW	Felix S	For being an exceptional person in every way. You encompass everything the Southdale Sparkle is about we are incredibly lucky to have you join us this year.
5EZ	Jude	For showing such a fantastic attitude to all of your learning. You put 100% effort, you are a great learning partner and sparkle each day.
6KW	Leon S	For your outstanding effort in music! You shone so brightly and have demonstrated a natural talent for playing the piano.
6TH	Brynn G	For standing out as a wonderful role model. Seeing your enthusiasm towards history has been wonderful to see and you were a brilliant actor during our drama.
6ZR	Chaise WW	For your engagement and enthusiasm when taking part in our soldier experience and church visit this week. You are a true ambassador for Southdale. Keep being your bubbly self!

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENTS/TRIPS/RESIDENTIALS		
Monday 4th December		Christmas Pantomime: 12.30 to 4.30pm
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