

Southdale SPARKLE

Tanzania

This week we learned more about our family in Tanzania and how thankful they are for the many things that we take for granted. They see their education as opening doors to a better future and cherish their days in school. Did you know that the average child has to walk 5 kilometres just to get to school?



YEAR 3

Great Gymnastics!

In **gymnastics** this week, we have been putting together a sequence of shapes, rolls and balances. We have mastered the pike, straddle and tuck as well as the pencil roll, tuck roll and dish roll.

In **art**, we have continued to paint the outline of our pre-historic creatures using paint made from crushed charcoal.

In **history**, we have now journeyed into the Iron Age. Iron was much cheaper than bronze, and it is stronger. We also learned that the Iron Age people moved their villages to higher ground (hill forts) in order to protect themselves from enemies.



YEAR 4



Amazing Art!

We have completed our **science** topic of electricity by making switches. The children enjoyed making 3 different types of switches and evaluating them.

Our Y4 children completed their final piece in **art**, following the style of Alekos Fassianos. We were thrilled with their final outcomes.

We got into the festive spirit during our ukulele lesson with Mr Hill when we played jingle bells.



YEAR 5

Eye-Catching Art

Year 5 are working very hard on their final Art pieces inspired by Friedensreich Hundertwasser. We focused on bright, vivid colours and curved shapes.

In P.E, Year 5 performed their final gymnastic routines creating shape while demonstrating their strength and grace.

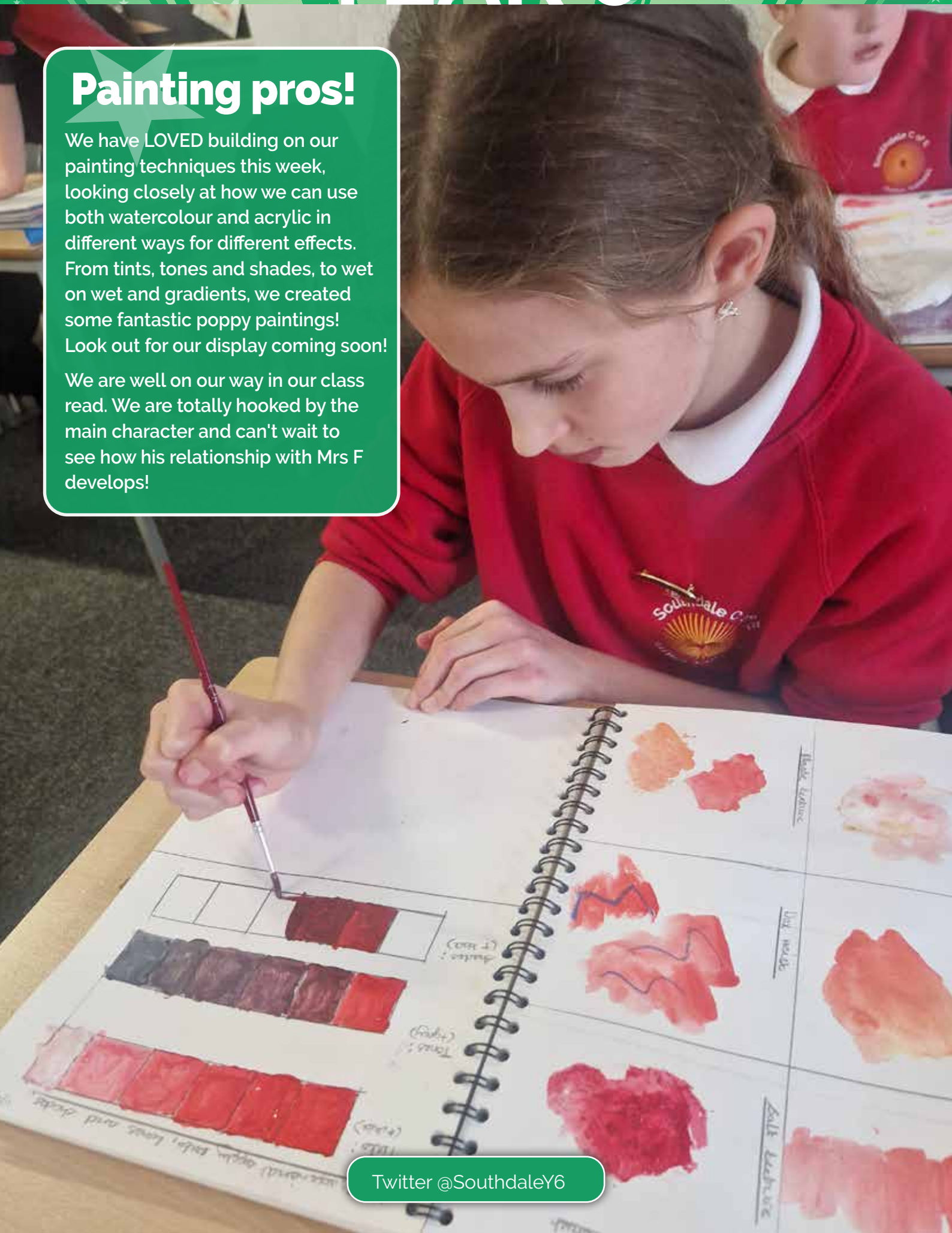


YEAR 6

Painting pros!

We have LOVED building on our painting techniques this week, looking closely at how we can use both watercolour and acrylic in different ways for different effects. From tints, tones and shades, to wet on wet and gradients, we created some fantastic poppy paintings! Look out for our display coming soon!

We are well on our way in our class read. We are totally hooked by the main character and can't wait to see how his relationship with Mrs F develops!



THIS WEEK'S HOMEWORK

Year 3

Reading:

Reading is vital. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read for 20 minutes every day. It is also important to read to your child and share your own love of books.

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. You can also help your child by practising their formal addition and subtraction method – don't forget the exchange!

History:

We are nearing the end of our history, so please help your children to recap all they have learned about pre-historic Britain. Can they remember how life changed and improved from the Mesolithic to the Neolithic Stone Age? Do they know how life changed and improved from the Neolithic Stone Age to the Bronze Age? And finally, can they tell you what difference iron made to pre-historic lives?.

Year 4

Reading:

'Reading is a passport to countless adventures.'

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:

Please support your child by encouraging them to practice their times tables using the app TT Rock Stars, particularly have a focus on the 9 times table. There are lots of opportunities to support your child with their times tables e.g. on your walk to school, travelling in the car etc. We have also set some My Maths homework for them to complete.

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.

'Something very magical happens when you read a good book!'

Maths:

Please complete the My Maths homework, which is comparing fractions. Remember to watch the lesson!

Spelling pattern this week:

Words ending in 'ent'

Frequent
Patient
Ancient
Innocent
Dependent
Intelligent
Obedient
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.

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Maths:

Please complete page 29 in your maths CGP book. This is linked to changing fractions from improper fractions to mixed numbers. Due back 21.12.2023.

Spelling pattern this week:

"ie" and "ei". 'l' before 'e' except after 'c'

Receive, deceive, ceiling, achieve,
believe, relief

THIS WEEK'S SPARKLERS

Head teachers Award



Madison B

You always try your best and treat others with kindness and respect

Special Mentions

3EB	Deaken F	For being an amazing learner. You have made massive strides in your maths and writing this week.
3FD	Oliver E	For showing a positive change in your attitude towards learning. The effort you put into your maths this week has been amazing Oliver!
3LS	Annabelle R	For being such a kind, caring and helpful member of the class. You bring the sunshine every day and truly embrace your learning!
4BR	April H	For being such a good talk partner and really supporting other members of the class. Keep it up!
4LD	Poppy R	For being such a kind-hearted member of 4LD. You always put others before yourself and show the Southdale sparkle in all you do.
4LH	Oliver V	For creating a fantastic piece of artwork. Your attention to detail showed a lot of effort. You have worked really hard. Well done!
5AM	Wilson C	For showing fantastic enthusiasm at our French and Spanish workshop at Ossett Academy. Keep shining bright!
5CW	Harmony P	For your thoughtful and in-depth responses in Reading. You thought about the character's journey so far and compare it to your own life. You were a joy to listen to!
5EZ	Caleb	For putting lots of time and effort into your work and being a fantastic learning partner.
6KW	Lyla M	For being the kind-hearted young lady, you are. You are always looking out for your peers and work so incredibly hard in class!
6TH	Eliana W	For your outstanding first paragraph in our 'Piano' piece. You create such a tense and enthralling atmosphere within your writing. I cannot wait to read the final piece!
6ZR	Sophie C	For just being you. You are fabulous in every way, you are always filling people's buckets, and you commit to your learning and yourself every day. I feel incredibly lucky to have you in my class.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENTS/TRIPS/RESIDENTIALS		
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



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Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs L Helliwell

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr V Foster

Safeguarding Governor