



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our amazing school!



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Friday 18th March 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy few weeks at South Borough, and after the disruption of the last two years, it finally feels like school life is returning to normal. Children have thoroughly enjoyed all of our World Book Day celebrations, including wearing pyjamas to promote reading as a habit to the very daring places children chose to read in this year's Extreme Reading Challenge. To unite the school in this celebration of literature, the whole school studied the book 'Journey', from which we have seen some incredible writing. Miss Webb has also got her paint brushes out and has been diligently working on a new reading area in the school. We can't wait to share some pictures of this, when it is finished.

Safeguarding

On Thursday of this week, we had the pleasure of welcoming colleagues from the East Sussex Safeguarding Board to undertake a thorough review of our safeguarding procedures. During the day, the review team spoke to children and staff throughout the school and paid special attention to unstructured times, such as break and lunch times. Overall, the review was a huge success and the team were highly impressed with the provision and the level of support provided. I am hugely proud of the staff team, who I know work tirelessly to provide support to all children and their families.

Conflict in Ukraine

It is very sad to see the distressing and concerning images in the news related to the conflict in Ukraine. We understand that some of our families will be directly affected by this and that young people especially will have questions and will no doubt be seeking reassurance. We are here for you. Please remind your child of the importance of speaking to a trusted adult or putting a worry in the class 'worry box', if they have any concerns. Save the Children have also produced a [useful guide for parents](#) to advise them on how to speak to their children about this.

Staffing news

Over the last few weeks, both Ms Easton (Play Leader) and Mrs Mitchell (HLTA) have moved onto pastures new. We wish them well in their new ventures and thank them for their hard work at South Borough. I am proud to welcome Mrs Matthews as a new Play Leader and Mrs Stevenson as a TA in Year 1.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend. Hopefully the sun will continue to shine and you can enjoy some time outside. Thank you as always for your continuous support.

Mr M Currie
Head of School

EXPECTATION OF THE WEEK

We have introduced an 'Expectation of the Week' that will be shared with children each week. Please help us by reiterating the expectations that children have learnt over the last two weeks.

To routinely say 'Good Morning' and 'hello' to one another, when coming through the gate or passing each other in the corridor.

To walk sensibly and quietly around the school building, even when you are not being watched.

Learning Ladder for Life



Congratulations to all of our winners!

Week Ending 11/03/2022

Nursery

Diyan T & Olivia J

Reception Green

Naima A & Franek S

Reception Red

Albert S & Gabriel J

Year 1B

Pakavan M & Daisy C

Year 1H

Freddie F & Bonnie-Jane C

Year 2Wa

Mustafa E & Pearl N

Year 2Wr

Maja O & Freya E

Year 3F

Bella A & Andrey P

Year 3S

Macie P-S & Amir A

Year 4B

Pippa W & Geovana D

Year 4C

Henry M & Jessica B

Year 4N

Ella S & David C

Year 5A

Evie V & Paige G

Year 5C

Surraya G & Sandisha K

Year 5P

Yvie C & Lillie-Mae A

Year 6S

Sophia S & Tulisa C

Year 6W

Harvey F & Olivia N

Week Ending 18/03/2022

Nursery

Hugo B & Zachary A

Reception Green

Jennifer P & Alice G

Reception Red

Emily S & Bodhi T

Year 1B

Veer B & Amelia T

Year 1H

Deen M & Alexandru M

Year 2Wa

Mahdi M & Thunkevi S

Year 2Wr

Ayah A & Albert R

Year 3F

Kaya G & Oliver B

Year 3S

Fatima J & Mimi C

Year 4B

Shivesh P & Elizabeth W

Year 4C

Olivia F & Emmy D

Year 4N

Maysem D & Kyle S

Year 5A

Honey-Rose L & Kai B

Year 5C

Year 5P

Year 5P

Natalia M & Carlos C

Year 6S

Ethan B & Harry H

Year 6W

Leonard B & Emmett R



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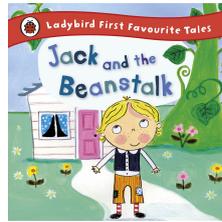
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CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Nursery

Our story this week has been Jack and the Beanstalk. We have worked really hard with remembering the key events and characters from the story.

We have used scissors to carefully cut out character stick puppets and role played with them. We have practised name writing in sand and glitter.



In Mathematics we have looked at two groups and said which group has more, less or the same amount. We have used fruit, cuddly toys, cubes and counting bears. This week we have looked at the shapes circle, triangle, square and rectangle.



Reception

Reception this week have been learning all about the story of Jack and the beanstalk.

We've been practising our fine motor skills by cutting out and decorating leaves to make a class beanstalk that stretches across our wall. We also got green fingered this week when we planted our own magic beans to see if they would grow as tall as Jack's.

In maths we have been learning about 3D shapes. We went on a treasure hunt to find objects in the shape of cubes, cylinders, spheres and cones in the classroom and outside. We also made some patterns and drew our 3D shapes. We then tried an experiment to see which of our 3D shapes could roll!



Year 1

Year 1 have very much enjoyed learning about measuring in Maths, over the last few weeks. We have used nonstandard units (blocks and counters etc) and also begun to use rulers properly. They have compared objects and each other with ourselves and this week, they have been adding and subtracting measures.

In our writing, we have been exploring rhyme, using traditional nursery rhymes, and writing our own rhyming couplets.

In Science, we have been sorting types of animals, and in geography we have used N,S,E and W to draw routes on a local map!



Year 2

Year 2 have had a very special delivery this week - caterpillars! Each class has their own caterpillars to look after and keep safe. At the moment it is hard to believe these tiny creatures can become beautiful butterflies.

In our writing, we are reviewing our learning of conjunctions and questions so that we can include them in our letter to 'Greenpeace'.

In maths, we have now finished our learning about money and how to make different combinations. We are now moving onto looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes.





CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Year 3

This week we have finished our Narratives (based on our class book *Journey*) and are now focusing on instructions. We are studying; the features of instructions, imperative verbs, chronological ordering of events and using the 2nd person perspective. All with the end goal to write our very own OUTSTANDING examples of instructions.

Both classes are thoroughly enjoying our class book, *The Explorer* and are using their inference and understanding of the text to predict what and why events are happening and discussing the author's use of language and writing techniques.

In maths, we have used play dough to help reinforce our understanding of fractions and have explored equivalent fractions practically using different sized rods. Over the coming weeks we will be looking at, tenths and tenths as decimals as well as adding and subtracting fractions. A solid understanding of multiplication really supports children in their learning of fractions so please continue to help your child.

Year 4

This week children have really persevered in their maths learning. We have completed learning about fractions; which has included calculating quantities. We are now using our knowledge of fractions to begin learning about decimals. Please encourage your child to continue learning their times tables at home.

Children have continued to enjoy reading 'Charlotte's Web' using their inference skills to consider the images the text can create in their heads.

Linked to our Science learning, this week the children have created instructions on how to grow a sunflower seed, using imperative verbs and scientific vocabulary.

Have a look at our impressive broad bean plants that have begun to grow as part of our science investigation!



Year 5

This week Year 5 have been conducting their own research about the Viking invasion of Lindisfarne. From this research, the children will be writing their own information text as well as having recorded their own news report about this event.

In maths, we have started looking at decimals and their relationships with fractions. We will begin looking at ordering and comparing decimals. As always, please support your child at home with their multiplication as this will help them in further aspects in their maths learning.

Linked to our science learning, we have recently created our own sundials. We have explored how light travels in straight lines and how shadows are cast.



Year 6

Year 6 have been working extremely hard in preparation for their KS2 tests in May. In Maths they have been developing their speed and accuracy when completing arithmetic questions, as well as continuing to hone their skills when calculating fractions and decimals.

Children are enjoying their reading lessons, where we have been reading a variety of texts, including an extract from *Dracula* by Bram Stoker, as well as our new class novel, *Kick*.

Year 6 are taking this term's Big Question, What is a Healthy Life very seriously. In P.E. they have had great fun developing and taking part in circuit type activities, intended to increase heart rates and build fitness.

Similarly, in Jigsaw lessons, the healthy me focus has led to interesting learning conversations regarding the importance of looking after our emotional health and well being as well as our physical health.





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Year 4 Charity Fundraising

On Friday 11th February in the small hall Year 4 children raised money for two charities - WWF and the RSPCA in line with their topic "How to Change the World". The children sold scrunchies, Manga portraits, bracelets and key chains with items priced from 50p to £5.00. Thank you to the following children: Pippa W, Inna O, Elizabeth W, Teo E and Alice L. They managed to raise an amazing £168.00. Well done to you all.



Year 6 "Tasty Treats" Cake Sale

Year 6 were very excited to invite all parents and children to a "Tasty Treats" Cake Sale on the school playground on Friday 4th February after school. The monies raised has been donated to Cancer Research UK and The Sea Life Trust. A grand total of £270.00 was raised.



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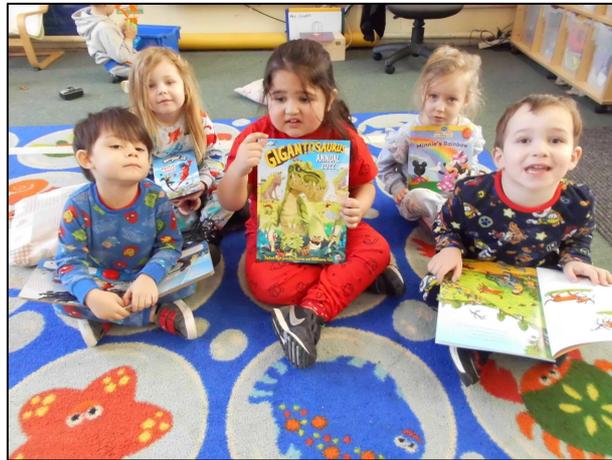
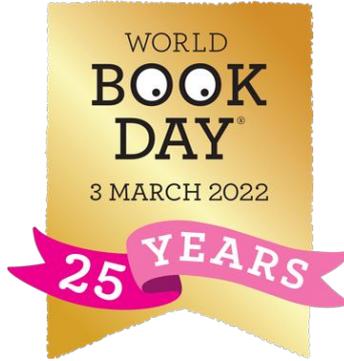
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WORLD BOOK DAY - Thursday 3rd March



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Week Ending 25/02/2022

Nursery

Ameer H & Aryan A

Reception Green

Michael H & Marni-Rose C

Reception Red

Sebastian S & Ivo G

Year 1B

Malak D & Adam P

Year 1H

Chester A & Max A

Year 2Wa

Thomas W & Sonia S

Year 2Wr

Lena M & Ali N

Year 3F

Willow W & Vinnie W

Year 3S

Brook B-T & Freddie R

Year 4B

Joanna K & Elle-Mae R

Year 4C

Eiva A & Evie-Mae H

Year 4N

Savannah M & Enioluwa O

Year 5A

Willow S & Kai B

Year 5C

Kayla G & Finley C

Year 5P

Nikas A & Leia A

Year 6S

Jakub N & Tulisa C

Year 6W

Lilly R & Amelia W

Week Ending 04/03/2022

Nursery

Krum T & Malcolm C

Reception Green

Sophia S & Jannah F

Reception Red

Jacob J-C & Patricia T

Year 1B

Dominic T & Oscar F

Year 1H

Bethany K & Abigail P

Year 2Wa

Whole Class

Year 2Wr

Whole class & Emma B

Year 3F

Jagoda W & Filip R

Year 3S

Georgie S & Freddie B

Year 4B

Safal T & Oscar P

Year 4C

Lila B & Abdul A

Year 4N

Kamile S & Timurs I

Year 5A

Nilab A & Trent P

Year 5C

Mia H & Grace A

Year 5P

Bruno R & Alex B

Year 6S

Yagmur C & Alex G

Year 6W

Addison S & Raina O



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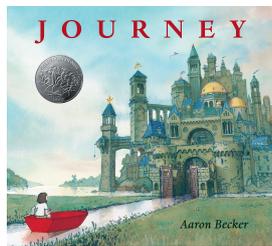
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CELEBRATION OF LEARNING - 4th March

Nursery

Our story for the last two weeks has been a book called "Journey" by Aaron Becker. The story has led us to draw our "magic red doors" and start conversations about where we would go and how would we get there. We have enjoyed using playdough and other resources to make objects from the story such as the boat and castle.

We have listened to and followed instructions on how to draw a boat and a hot air balloon. Take a look at our pictures...



In Maths, we have learnt which number will be next in the context of one more or one less when singing Nursery rhymes.

The Big Question: What is a healthy life? We have talked about exercise and the effect it has on our heart. We have also named our body parts.

Reception

During the last two weeks, we have been learning about a book called "Journey" by Aaron Becker. The story has led us to draw our "magic red doors" and start conversations about where we would go? Also the story has inspired us to create hot air balloons and magic carpets using different materials and resources combining a variety of techniques.

In Phonics we have reviewed set 1 and 2 sounds that we learnt last term and have started set 3. We are also beginning to write sentences using capital letters, adding finger spaces and full stops.

In Maths we have been measuring height, length and time and using non standard units to measure these. We have been looking at the many different ways of making 10 such as using tens frames, numicon and bead strings.

The Big Question: What is a healthy life? Below you can see we have been looking and learning about healthy foods and snacks!

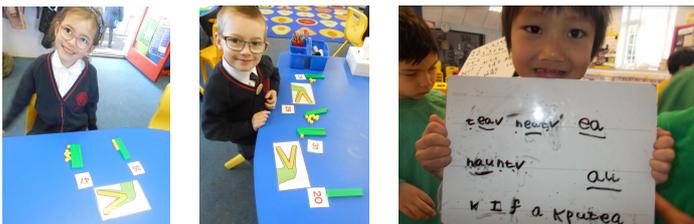


Year 1

During the first 2 weeks of Term 4, in English, we have based our learning around the picture book "Journey" by Aaron Becker. The children are really excited about the story, which has shown in the amazing adjectives used in description writing and super sentences in past tense. The children have used the fantastic illustrations, to fire their imaginations, to write their own narrative.

In Phonics we are reviewing our Set 1, 2 and 3 sounds. We have been reading in pairs, using our 'Stick of Power'!

In Maths we have been counting and comparing numbers within 50. Then we have begun work on counting on and back in 2s and 5s, spotting patterns and using various resources.



Year 2

Over the last two weeks Year 2 have been busy recapping our knowledge of the four operations in maths. In Writing, we have been building up to writing our own diary entry as if we have entered our own imaginary world like in the story 'Journey'.

This week, all of the adults in the year group were super proud of the children's behaviour whilst on trip to Kent Life. Have a look at some of the animals we saw!





CELEBRATION OF LEARNING - 4th March

Year 3

As part of the Whole School Writing Project, Year 3 have been looking at the picture book *Journey* by Aaron Becker. The children have become authors as they have created narrative for this wordless book. Both Mr Smith and Mrs Ford could not be prouder of the vocabulary and the figurative language the children have chosen to use.

In Maths, the children are continuing to move forward with their learning of measurements and are now beginning to calculate the perimeter for a range of shapes. We will soon be moving onto fractions where a good knowledge of multiplication will help the children master this topic.

In PE, the children are beginning to be introduced to the game of rounders. We have begun by starting to understand the rules of the game and have been practising our throwing skills.

The children in Year 3 are working incredibly hard - they are all superstars!

Year 4

Year four have dived into learning this term! We have began the term by exploring the text 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. During English lessons, the children have looked at a variety of different language techniques and applied them when writing their narratives.

We have also kick started our big question for the term 'What is a healthy life?' The children have explored healthy friendships, how friendships can differ and also created friendship charts to show the different relationships they have.

In Maths, we have been refreshing our understanding of fractions from last year and started to look at new concepts. The children have investigated improper fractions, mixed number fractions and also began adding and subtracting fractions.

Children have continued their learning about North America from last term, they have been researching a region in North America and then compared it to Maidstone!

Year 5

Year 5 have started term 4 with a splash as 5A and 5C are now going swimming each week. Just a reminder that 5P will be going next term. This is a great way to begin our Big Question, 'What is a Healthy Life?'. 5P are also learning about healthy exercise in their Tuesday PE sessions.

So far this term we have been working towards creating our own endings for the picture book story 'The Journey' by Aaron Becker. These have been going well and we hope to have some great writers after our visit for our own resident author Mrs Parkhouse. The children were keen to find out all they could from her writing experiences.

Maths this term, so far, has seen us continue to work on fractions and we are now adding and subtracting fractions with increasing skill.

Keep up the hard work, Year 5 as we are so proud of all you are achieving at the moment. .

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the term. They have written stories as part of a Whole School Writing Project, based on the picture book, *Journey*, by Aaron Becker. Amazing artwork compliments their writing and Year 6 are really looking forward to seeing their learning displayed around the school.

We have been considering our big question for this term, Healthy Me, during our PSHE Jigsaw lessons, where we are learning about the importance of taking responsibility for our own health and well-being. This learning has continued in our P.E. lessons, where we have been learning more about health and fitness, including creating our own fitness circuits. We really enjoyed taking part in the circuit activity with our visiting athlete last week - he has definitely inspired us to work even harder towards our dreams and goals.

We are always proud of Year 6 but are especially proud at this time as they continue to work incredibly hard to prepare for their upcoming KS2 tests next term. Keep up the good work Year 6!