



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our amazing school!



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Friday 13th May 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6

Well, there is no doubt in my mind that the accolade this week goes to all of our Year 6 children, who have shown immense focus and determination in successfully completing their SATs tests. These were the first SATs tests taken in schools since 2019, and I think it is fair to say that our Year 6s smashed it! Months of hard work, including after school tutoring, breakfast boosters, extra homework plus of course non-stop graft in class ensured that our children were more than prepared. The Y6 children have shown true resilience and put all of their preparation into practice with each paper that they sat. I know that you will all join me with the immense amount of pride that I feel for these children, especially given the amount of disruption their education has suffered during the past two years.

I also want to express a huge amount of gratitude to staff across the school, who have worked to support the Year 6s this week. Thank you to the kitchen staff who came in extra early to provide a free, hearty, cooked breakfast for the children. A special note of thanks of course to the Year 6 team, who quite frankly, have worked their socks off to ensure that every child could achieve their best. Congratulations and well done!

INSET Day

Just a quick reminder that this coming **Friday 20th May** is an INSET day, which means that the school is closed to children on this day.

Staffing News

During the last week, we have been delighted to welcome new members of staff to our team. Miss Croucher joins us as an HLTA, working in Year 3. Miss Macdonald, who has supported children in Year 4 since September, has now become a permanent member of the South Borough team. A warm welcome to you both!

Expectation of the week

We have continued with our expectations of the week, to reinforce the pupil conduct that we want to encourage here at South Borough. During the last few weeks, the expectation has been to hold the door open for somebody who is walking behind you. Children have become real experts at doing this and have also been extremely courteous by thanking those who have held the door open. We have also continued with our daily appreciations and would encourage parents to trial this at home.

Thanks as always for your amazing support. Wishing you all a great weekend.

Mr M Currie
Head of School

REMINDERS:

19th May (9:15-10:15)
Coffee Morning with
Ms Parkhouse (FLO)

20th May
INSET Day

24th May
Read Write Inc (Phonics)
launch to Year R/1 parents

25th May
Parent Workshop on
Resilience (1:30-2:30pm)

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Congratulations to all of our winners!

Week Ending 06/05/2022

Nursery

Anthony S & Malcolm C

Reception Green

Leon K & Tillie B

Reception Red

Ivy R & Sadie C

Year 1B

Salim A & Lexi L

Year 1H

Kaan S & Max A

Year 2Wa

Anisha S & Jackson B

Year 2Wr

Billy M & Joey M

Year 3F

Dexter H & Rusne J

Year 3S

Roza W & Matilda S

Year 4B

Oscar P & Pippa W

Year 4C

Alex B & Yunam R

Year 4N

Zainab A & Gracie S

Year 5A

Ksenija S & Safir P

Year 5C

Emma B & Phoebe S

Year 5P

David C & Jake J-S

Year 6S

Zarif H & Yagmur C

Year 6W

Susik R & Amy F

Week Ending 13/05/2022

Nursery

Alise A & Ummul Q

Reception Green

Gracie W & Mason B

Reception Red

Jacob J C & Iljon S

Year 1B

Aqeel A & Efi P

Year 1H

Bettie L & Muaz F

Year 2Wa

Finlay A & Remi W

Year 2Wr

Cassie B & Henry F

Year 3F

Willow W & Freddie H

Year 3S

Albee M & Owen P

Year 4B

Francesca L & Saanvika S

Year 4C

Jayden M & Fatima C

Year 4N

Alesha S & Kobe A

Year 5A

Nikola NG & Tilly-Louise B

Year 5C

Abigail L & Brandon-Lee A

Year 5P

Harriet R & Rose S

Year 6S

All of 6S & Ethan B

Year 6W

All of 6W & Vrisha B



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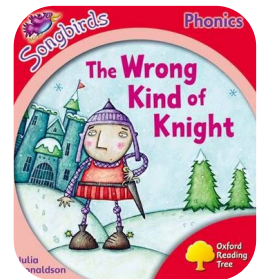
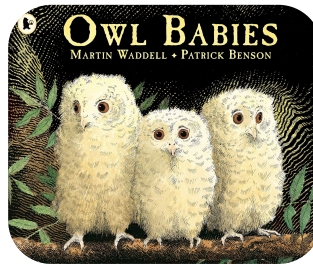
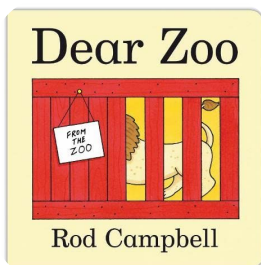
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CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Nursery

Our story over the past two weeks has been, 'The Wrong Kind of Knight' by Julia Donaldson.

In Phonics, we have been singing the nursery rhymes; Five Little Ducks, Five Little Speckled Frogs, Hickory Dickory, Humpty Dumpty, If You're Happy and You Know It, I'm a Little Teapot, Incey, Wincey Spider, Little Bo Peep, Jack and Jill, Little Miss Muffet, One, Two Buckle my Shoe and One, Two, Three, Four, Five. We are hoping to learn all of these songs by the end of term. We have also read the stories of Dear Zoo and Owl Babies to develop children's love of reading. We have spoken about each story to help with extending vocabulary.



In Maths, we have learnt to be able to make groups of objects of the same quantity. We have used a range of resources to support making groups of the same number such as counting bears, Numicon, pom pom balls, counters, dot cards, paper clips and small world people.

We have enjoyed making our own crowns using card and other art and craft resources. On the messy table, we have also decorated paper shields. Practising our fine motor skills, we have carefully decorated the queen's crown with pom pom balls and buttons.



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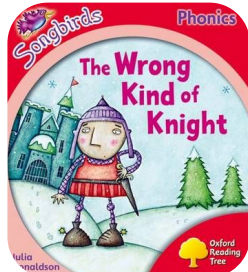
CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Reception

The last two weeks we have been learning about the story 'The Wrong Kind of Knight' by Julia Donaldson. We have enjoyed using different materials and techniques to make our own knight's costumes and talked about the different parts of an armour and what knights used to protect themselves. We have also designed and created our own dragons.



Sadie's armour



Evie, Mia and Jennifer



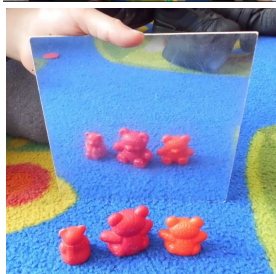
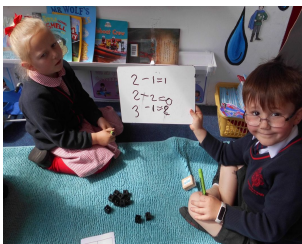
Ivy, the right kind of knight

We have discussed about how fit knights had to be and the skills they needed in order to fight other knights. We talked about what exercises we could do to get fitter and stronger.

In Maths we have been learning about adding and taking away and also about doubling. We have been using different manipulatives to solve problems involving addition, subtraction and doubling and even challenged ourselves to write some number sentences.

In Phonics we are becoming more fluent each time when segmenting and blending our 'Green words' and also becoming more confident spotting 'Red words' when reading. So keep up the hard work and keep reading with your child at home.

In Jigsaw we have spoken about friendships and what being a good friend means and involves. We have created our own 'Friendship Station' where we can sit if we need a friend to play with.



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Year 1

In English, we have been learning about what schools were like in the past and how they have changed compared to school now. We have read about what school was like for Victorian children and have been writing verbs in the past tense by adding the ending -ed onto them.

In Maths, we have been learning about sharing into equal groups and finding halves. We have been making equal groups of objects and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to find the total. We have also been cutting fruit in half and folding shapes in half, remembering that halves need to be equal and fair.



In Jigsaw, we have been thinking about people who help us inside and outside of school and about how we can ask for help if we need it.



In Computing, we have been using the story of The Three Little Pigs to create a scene from the story on SketchPad. We used the paint bucket tool to create a background showing the sky and then the paintbrush tool to create the clouds and grass. We used the stamps to create the pigs and wolf.





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Year 2

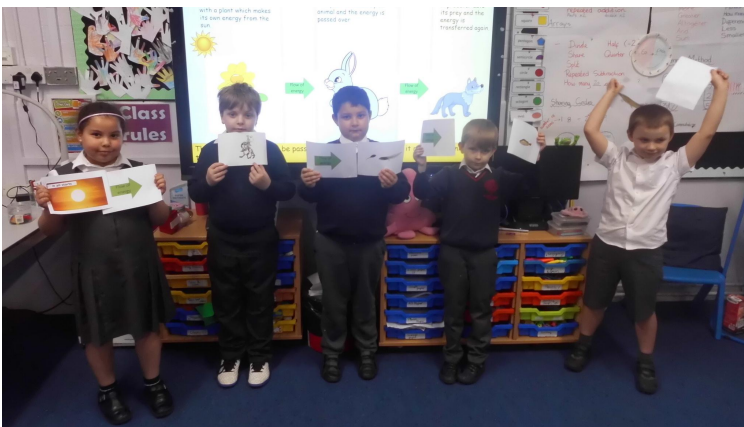
Over the last two weeks, the children have been working super hard at a range of different things.

In Maths, the children have now finished their learning of time and have moved on to measuring height and length. We have had lots of fun going around the classroom and measuring things in centimeters or meters. Even though we have finished looking at time. Please continue to practice this at home!

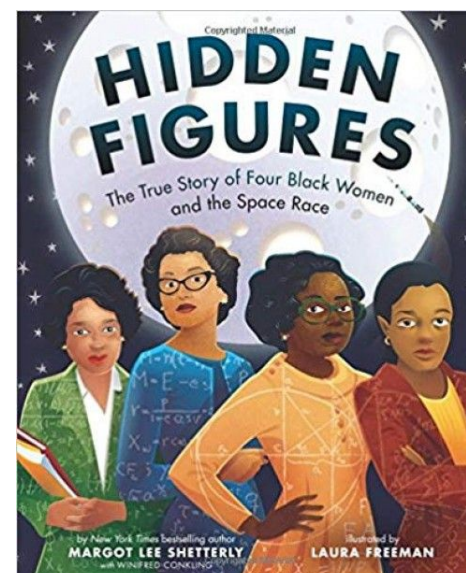
In English, we have been using our imaginations to write a set of instructions for 'How to fix a rocket or spaceship.' The children had the opportunity to show off their understanding of command sentences and time adverbials. We have just begun to look at the features of an information text so that the children can write one all about their very own planet.

In our afternoon learning, our Science learning has enabled us to understand how animals get their energy through a range of food chains. In History, the children learnt key facts about Helen Sharman and why she was an important astronaut.

Our secret agent missions have got off to a fantastic start and the children are showing fantastic perseverance towards them. Last week, one of our missions was to take a partner around an obstacle course whilst blindfolded! Due to the Year 6 SATs, secret agent missions have been held this week. They will continue next week until the end of term.



The children made food chains in groups.



Our reading this week has been based upon the book 'Hidden figures'. This has tied in with our big question: Can all difficulties be solved?



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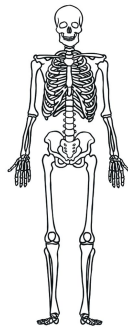
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Year 3

English

In English, Year 3 have completed their traditional tales with a twist. The children had fun reimagining Little Red Riding Hood and came up with some creative and unique stories.

The children will next be looking at information texts and, using their learning of the skeletal system, they will be creating to create their own information booklet



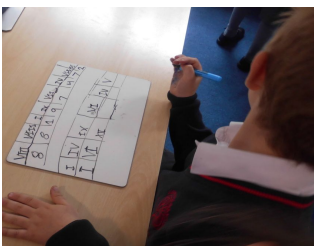
Science

The children have been continuing to learn more about the human body and how it works. We have been looking closely at different skeletons and their purpose, spent time learning about our teeth and the functions of the different teeth. Their understanding of teeth will help the children with their understanding of the digestive system which we will look at next week.

Maths

We are focusing on time during our maths lessons. We have been able to read: o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past and are becoming more confident in reading the time in 5 minute intervals. We have also had a lot of fun studying Roman numerals and how they link to our learning of time.

Please continue practising your times tables with the students. If they have mastered their 2s, 5s and 10s, please focus on their 3s, 4s and 8s.



History

In our History lessons, the children have been discovering all about the Shang dynasty. They have looked carefully at where in the world this ancient Chinese civilisation was situated and when this particular dynasty existed. They have discussed the beliefs of the period and what was believed to happen in the after life. The children have been able to understand how we are able to know so much about the Shang through the artefacts and writings from this time.

PE

This term the students have been thoroughly enjoying learning how to play cricket with our Sports Coaches on a Wednesday. They have been: practising their ball throwing and catching skills, studying batting and fielding techniques to improve their skills. On Mondays the students have been completing Zumba classes with their teachers. This has been a variety of intensive exercise movements to complete within different time periods, with dance/fitness music to help us maintain a steady pace.



Cricket



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Year 4

The children have been working extremely hard over the last two weeks. We have been looking at how we can solve difficulties through our Jigsaw lessons, looking at relationships and how to deal with changes.

English

We took a break from the writing books this term, as the children practice their presentation skills. In small groups they worked together to create presentations on their favorite films with all the correct features. They showed great confidence when speaking in front of an audience. Our next topic in English is to write a myth, and children have been busy researching Roman Gods and Goddesses to write about. We have also been enjoying the story of Charlotte's Web.

Maths

In maths, this week the children have begun to look at time. We have recapped our understanding of telling the time to the 5 minutes, nearest minute and using a 24-hour clock. Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables.

Science

Science this term is a topic that the children are finding fascinating; Humans Including Animals. We have explored different areas from the skeleton to organs and making models to see how muscles work.

Computing

This term in computing we are investigating the weather, through handling data. The children have been using excel to collect temperature data and began creating models of machines to collect weather data.

DT

4B and 4N have been looking at seasonal foods in DT, this week we have explored when fruits and vegetables are available in the UK. We also enjoyed preparing and making fruit skewers.





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Year 5

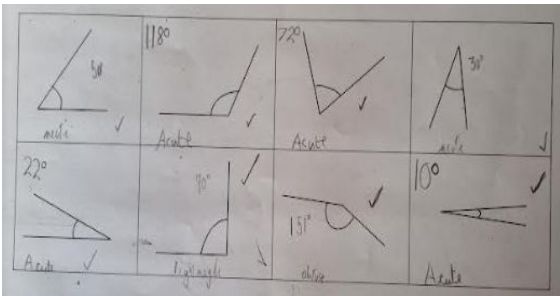
English:

In English, we have been writing a diary entry from the perspective of Percy Fawcett, an explorer who disappeared in the Amazon Rainforest. The children have learnt about different tenses and when it would be appropriate to use each one.

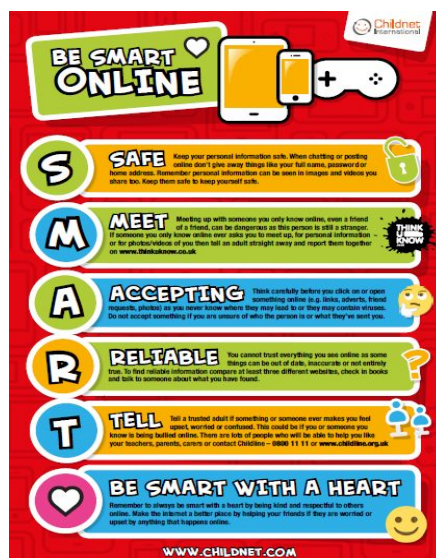


Maths:

This week, we have finished our unit on decimals. All of the children have worked hard with this and are beginning to understand how decimals can be used within a real life situation. Next, we are looking at geometry, beginning with looking at angles and being able to use protractors to measure and draw angles.

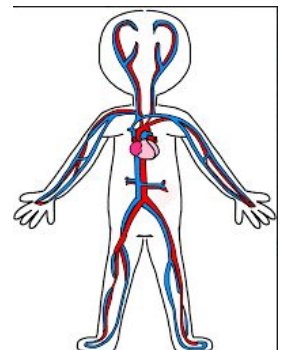


In our work for PSHE, we have been looking at the roles and responsibilities which all users should follow whilst they are online and using games online. Please talk to the children about this and encourage them to think about how they use gaming platforms and other sites safely and respectfully.



Science

This term's science learning has been about Animals including humans. We have recently looked at the circulatory system and how blood flows throughout our bodies. We will continue to deepen this knowledge by looking at what makes up our blood and how water is transferred around our bodies.





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Year 6

SATS

WOW! Year 6 are amazing! We are incredibly proud of every Year 6 child; they have worked so hard this year to prepare for their SATS and this week they have had the opportunity to show off all they have learned. We could not have asked any more from them and they deserve to be immensely proud of themselves.

P.E.

Year 6 are really enjoying their P.E. lessons, especially those which they have been able to enjoy on the field. This week they have been perfecting their throwing, catching and batting skills after being introduced by our coach to Diamond Cricket - a great game where four children are batting at one time. This and many other of the fast paced activities the children have been taught this term, have particularly engaged them and link seamlessly to their additional P.E. lessons, which this term have a focus on fitness and well-being.

D.T.

The children are designing and making puppets in our D.T. lessons. It has been great to see the variety of puppet styles designed and created, which range from a simple glove puppet design to a more complicated string puppet with accompany outfits. The children have developed their measuring, marking, cutting and joining skills and are looking forward to including their puppet in their very own group written puppet show.

Geography

In our geography lessons we have been using both research and art skills to support our learning of the countries, continents and oceans of the world. After we drew our world maps, we used watercolour paints to create an impressive piece. We then used our research skills to show our knowledge and understanding of countries around the world.

