



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 27th May 2022

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are once again closing the door on another term full of achievements and positive learning experiences, many of which you will read about in later pages of this newsletter.

I would like to say a huge congratulations to our children in Year 2 for successfully completing their 'Special Missions' (SATs). Thank you also to Miss Walter and Miss Wright for making what could have been an arduous experience into a fun and engaging opportunity for our Year 2s to show their best. They even had a party to celebrate yesterday!

This week, we also had the pleasure of welcoming Governors into the school, to observe the teaching and learning of art and reading. Both curriculum areas were highly commended by the Governor team. In relation to art, one Governor said that they were simply blown away with how art lessons enable every child to develop such high quality artwork. We look forward to showcasing this in our art exhibition in July.

As a school, we believe that reading is the most important curriculum area because it unlocks access to every other learning opportunity. Last Friday, all staff received training in delivering a systematic phonics programme called Read Write Inc. This programme is nationally recognised as the best phonics programme to ensure children develop into confident and fluent readers as early as possible. We will be using this programme across the school to teach early reading skills. Thank you to those parents who attended the launch sessions on Tuesday. You will hear more about this and receive links to support your child with their phonics learning at home.

Wishing you all a great half term break. Enjoy any Platinum Jubilee celebrations you may be attending!

Mathew Currie
Head of School

Friends of South Borough (FOSB)

Have you read the latest Friends of South Borough email? The Summer Fete 2022 is back on Saturday 25th June 1-4pm. This is going to be a great event for pupils, families and teachers to come together and strengthen our school community. There are lots of ways you can get involved giving donations, offering help before and during the Fete.

Here is a reminder of the donations we need for the Summer Fete and when they can be dropped off at the office.

w/c 6th June – Bottles (wine, sprits, soft drinks etc) and Tombola prizes

w/c 13th June – Teddies and Soft toys

w/c 20th June – Cakes and baked goods

If you would like to get involved and help make this the best Summer Fete our children deserve, drop us an email: friendsofsouthboroughprimary@outlook.com

Don't forget we also have a Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofsouthborough/>



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REMINDERS:

27th May
Last Day of Term 5

6th June
First Day of Term 6

W/C 6th June
Year 1 Phonics Screening
Week & Year 4 Multiplication
Tables Check Start

15th June (9:30am)
New Year R Parent
Introduction meeting

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



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Congratulations to all of our winners!

Week Ending 27/05/2022

Nursery

Vihaan S & Raven A

Reception Green

Nayel K & Adele T

Reception Red

Alexandra D & Jayson H-H

Year 1B

Ioan D & Jasmine B

Year 1H

Victoria T & Eva F

Year 2Wa

Alise A & Harrison C

Year 2Wr

Hayley S & Violet F

Year 3F

Dominic J & Marcin S

Year 3S

Maja G & Brook B-T

Year 4B

Alice L & Dillon C

Year 4C

James P & Alex B

Year 4N

Chelsea S & Zane P

Year 5A

Daniel S & Jamie T

Year 5C

Jelsey L & Aros N-W

Year 5P

Ivayla G & Natalia M

Year 6S

Una M & Ralph M

Year 6W

Georgi G & Kajus R



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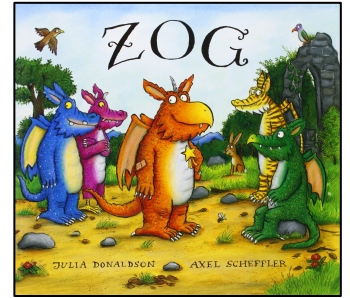
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Nursery

Our story since last week has been 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.



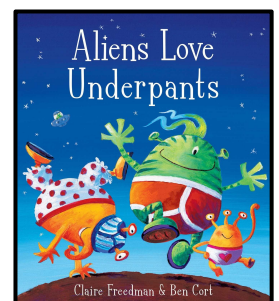
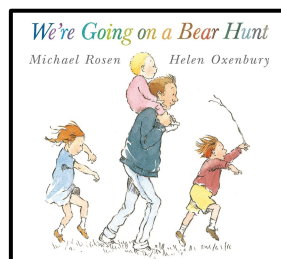
We have loved role playing being dragons from the story and learnt how to be a dragon. We learnt how to fly, roar, breathe fire and capture a princess!

On the messy table, we have created large shields and crowns, ready to wear on our Jubilee Day on Friday.

In Maths, we have combined two groups together to find the total amount. We have used physical resources such as cubes, and we have also used interactive games. Whilst counting, we make sure to use a one to one correspondence.



In Phonics, to help with repetition, we have continued to sing the nursery rhymes previously listened to. We have read the stories of, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Aliens Love Underpants'.





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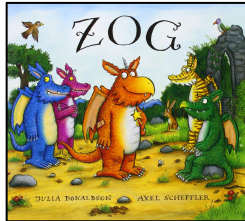
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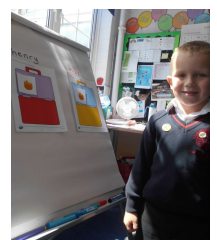
Reception

During the last two weeks we have been learning about the story "Zog" by Julia Donaldson. In the story Zog goes to school and learns different skills. In the story the teacher keeps saying "Now that you've been shown, you can practise on your own". We have talked about what we learn at school and have had a go at practising independently what we have learned during the lessons.

We have enjoyed designing and making our own dragons, naming them, talking about their different skills and powers. We have also had fun making "pretend fire" using different resources such as string, paint, glitter, paper straws or tissue paper.



In Maths we have been learning about sharing into different groups and have tried sharing a variety of things. We have also looked at odd and even numbers and talked about how we can spot them.



Thank you to those parents who attended our Phonics workshop. We hope you found it useful and that it helps you to feel more confident when supporting your child at home with their reading and writing. For those of you who missed it, feel free to talk to your child's teacher if you would like any support. Keep an eye on Google Classroom for some video tips.



Well done for all your hard work during this term. We hope you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you for the last term of the academic year. Have fun!

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Year 1

English

Last week, we took part in a Victorian lesson to help us understand what school would have been like for children in the past. We loved writing with an ink pen with a metal nib. We had to dip the pen in the ink well each time we wanted to write something. It was a bit messy! We also wrote with chalk on mini blackboards and sat with our desks in rows.



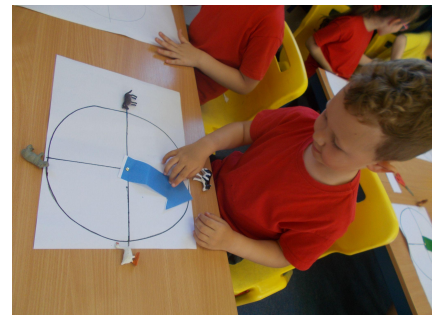
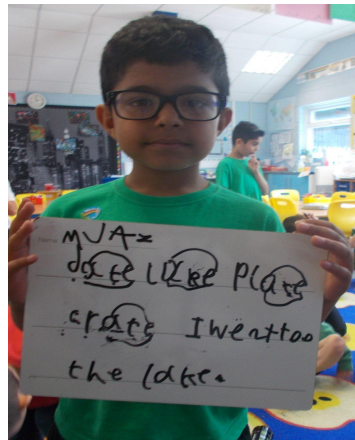
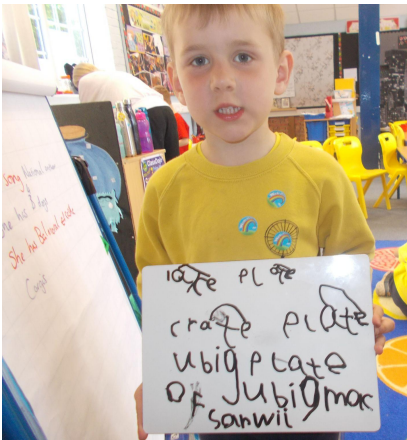
Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about position and direction. Some of us could link our understanding to a compass and remembered North, South, East, West that we learnt about last term. We practised moving the arrow different ways around the circle and then moved it a quarter turn, half turn, three quarters turn and a full turn.



Phonics

With the phonics screening coming up next term, we are focusing on the sounds that we find most tricky to read including split digraphs. Please keep practising your phonics at home!



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Year 2

Learning Update

Year 2 have had a fantastic end to the term. In writing, the children have been writing an information text about their very own imaginary planet including rainbow planet and gummy planet. The children tried hard to use question marks, conjunctions and a range of adjectives. In maths the focus has been on measurement and how we can use millilitres and litres to measure capacity. Our History learning also came to an end this week and the children are now able to discuss the lives of many significant individuals including Neil Armstrong, Helen Sharman and Christopher Columbus.

Secret Agent Missions (SATs)

We are pleased to let you know that the secret agent missions are now complete. Before they ended, the children were sent a letter asking them to complete two more very special missions. The first was to create their own spy gadget. The second was to follow the clues to find a secret message. Once these missions were complete the children were treated to a special party in the afternoon.

All of the adults are incredibly proud of each and every child this term and how they have remained resilient throughout all of their 'special missions'.

Well done Year 2, you are all superstars.



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Year 3

English

In our reading, the children have been enjoying extracts from books such as *Five Children and It*, *The Secret Garden* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Both Mr Smith and Mrs Ford have been amazed at the progress the children have made with their reading skills and their ability to understand quite complex texts.

In their writing, the children are using their learning from science to enable them to create an information text on the skeletal system. The children have been busy making notes and then converting these into sentences using a non-fiction style of writing.

Maths

We have been working incredibly hard in Maths! We have mastered time! We can now read analogue and digital clocks...not just o'clock and half past but to the nearest 5 minutes with some of us being able to tell the time to the minute!



Science

Throughout this term we have been looking at the topic, 'Animals including humans'. Within these lessons we have dived deep into our bodies and recreated how different body parts work.

We have made: elbows- to show how our muscles work alongside our bones, stomachs- to better understand the digestive system and have used a range of equipment to decide which of our teeth break down different types of food the best.



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Year 4

Over the last two weeks, Year 4 have worked exceptionally hard in all aspects of learning!

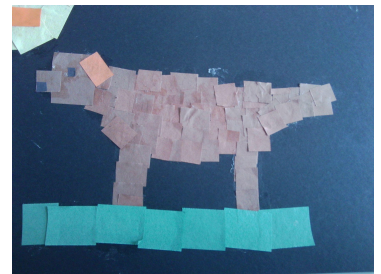
English and Maths

The children have worked hard in English, they have been reading and retelling Roman Myths, then created their own myths based on their chosen animals. In Maths, we have completed our learning on Time. Children were very busy learning about how to convert analogue and digital times and explored the different features of the calendar.



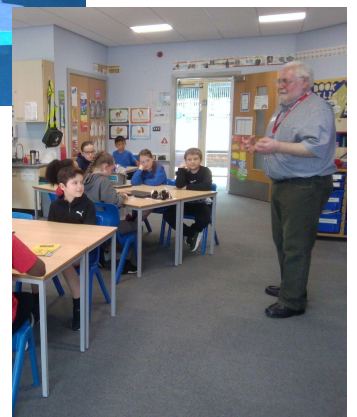
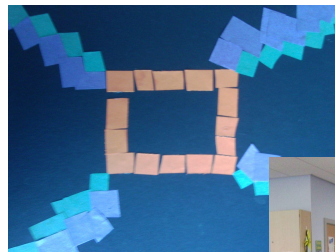
Science

In Science over the last few weeks we have explored the importance of muscles and how they aid our movements. We have also investigated our teeth, their purpose, importance and care.



DT

4B and 4N have been extremely creative in DT, following a recipe and making cupcakes collaboratively! The children had great fun!



Roman Day!

The children thoroughly enjoyed 'Roman Day' especially listening to our guest speaker! The children enjoyed a variety of activities, including learning Latin, Roman mosaic art and exploring more myths! A big thank you goes to Mr. Edwards for coming in with artefacts and his knowledge of the Romans!

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Year 5

Year 5 have worked extremely hard this term. Find out about some of the amazing learning they have been doing:

DT:

5C have spent this term designing and creating their own key rings. They have spent time investigating the best ways for materials to be stuck together and implement this with their key rings. Some children decided to use hot glue, whilst others used a range of stitches.

Have a look at the pictures below to see some of their key rings! 5A will be doing this next term.

Maths:

We have been looking at regular and irregular polygons then using them to create pictures as well as looking at their properties and what makes them polygons. We have also been looking at 3D shapes and creating nets for them.

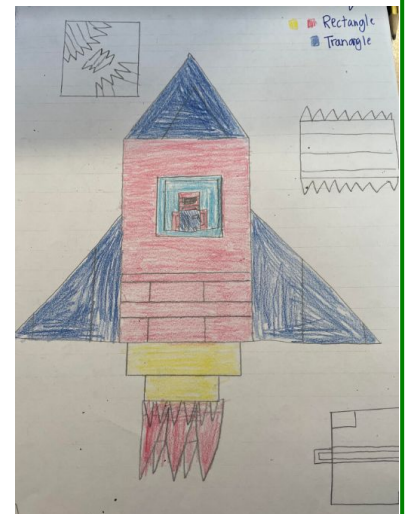
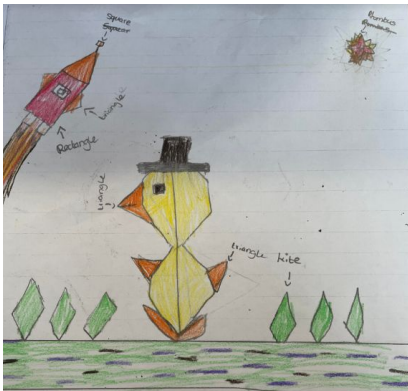
Geography:

We have been looking at settlement types as well as land use, in South America and the UK. We have used OS maps to find the different types of land use within Maidstone.

Science:

In science, we have been learning about how blood transports water, nutrients and oxygen around the body.

As part of this we had great fun making a model of blood in the blood vessels!





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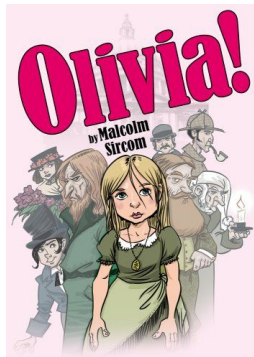
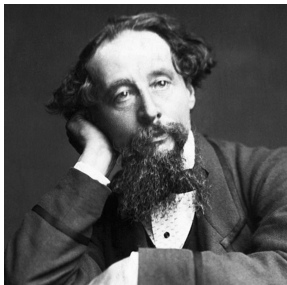
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Year 6

English

Year 6 have been working extremely hard throughout the week and they have produced some fantastic, informative pieces of writing about Charles Dickens. Having extensively researched his life, the children produced a biography detailing his successes and endeavours! They are now experts!



The play!

Over the last 2 weeks, the children in Year 6 have been introduced to this years play - Olivia!

Having auditioned for roles, they are now beginning to rehearse their assigned parts and learn the script!

We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children who have been extremely resilient and tried their hardest throughout this time! They have been absolutely fantastic and we are every impressed with their performances. We look forward to sharing it with parents in Term 6!

Physical Education

In PE, the children have been experiencing a range of activities throughout the term. Last week, they enjoyed cricket sessions and Zumba fitness sessions! In both classes, the endurance and fitness levels of the children have increased! We are proud of their commitment in these sessions and the understanding of how import a healthy lifestyle is.

KS2 Football Club

A huge well done to all of the Year 6s (and Year 5s) who represented the school in the 2 football fixtures this week.

On Monday, they battled right to the end in a thrilling 4 - 3 defeat. They worked as a team and were determined, and very unlucky, not to have won the match!

On Thursday, the team played St Johns and won 2-1 in the best performance of the year! Every single player was fantastic and they also exemplified the expectations we have at South Borough. They should be very proud!!!

