



### **School-wide News**

It's been another busy week with lots of learning and creative exploration. Children have been immersing themselves in their new topics and today we saw a truly spectacular array of 1960's attire as part of the Year 5 hook day! The commitment to creativity at the school is inspiring.

Pupil Progress Reviews have been taking place this week. These meetings provide an opportunity for teachers and leaders to come together to discuss learning: what children in each year group have and have not learnt and what they need to do to continue to make progress. The big focus is how we can use the knowledge we have of a child's learning to adapt and refine our practice and put in place new actions in order to make a difference to every child. We are very lucky at Southville Primary School to have such committed members of staff who truly care about every child they teach.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend and will see you again on Tuesday 4th May.

#### Sports Day – Save the dates!

We are looking into plans for Sports Day for KS1 and KS2 on June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. We are finalising how this will be organised, along with the logistics and schedule and will confirm everything closer to the date. Reception will be having theirs separately at Merrywood. More details to follow.

#### Sustrans Active Travel

A big thank you to those of you who have swapped the car for walking, scooting or biking this week when travelling to school. Class teachers have been recording the number of children making active journeys to school each day as part of the Sustrans Big Challenge – we will let you know how the school got on in next week's newsletter!

#### Medication

Please can you make sure that any necessary medical information and medication for your child, including asthma inhalers and epi-pens, is in school and up to date.

#### Healthy Snacks

Please can you ensure that your child has a healthy morning snack.

#### Radio 2 Fame!

Lion class got a mention by Zoe Ball on the Radio 2 breakfast show last Friday. Follow the link and listen in at the 2:16:40 mark. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000v9sb>

Tom Jones knows Southville now! Thank you to one of our year 5 parents for alerting us to this.

### **PTA News**

#### **Supporting the PTA**

Just a reminder, when shopping online, you can use [Easyfundraising](#) or [Amazon smile](#) and choose to donate to Southville Primary School PTA.

If you prefer, donations can be made via [Donatemyschool](#) for one-off or regular donations.

**Contact:** [Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Southville.primary.pta@gmail.com)

Please join [Southville Primary PTA facebook](#) page to keep up-to-date.

### Food Bank Update



Thank you for all your amazing donations. We were able to deliver a substantial Easter hamper to all families needing one.

We now have limited supplies and need your help to restock the larder. I have attached the PayPal link for financial donations, you can also deliver food donations to either office, or I am able to collect.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8qInltXQg>

This week we would like to say a big thank you to Sainsbury's for all their fantastic donations. Items such as Lego cards and Comic Relief merchandise that we were able to sell, and all profits went to Food Bank.

Please contact me if you need a food parcel.

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### Year Group News and Reminders

#### Preschool

This week Seahorse class have become experts at making a rather splendid cup of tea!

We have been reading Elmer stories, and thinking about what makes us special and unique like he is.



## Reception

What a lovely week we have had learning about the different parts of plants and the special jobs that they do! We have planted seeds in class and are excited to observe them grow.



Next week, our Reception scientists will be investigating floating and sinking. Our Characteristic of Effective Learning focus is: making predictions. More information on this term's topic can be found in our Term 5 newsletter and curriculum map that will be sent through email.

Here is a rough outline of some of the activities that we will be covering but please note they may be completed on different days in each class.

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| <b><u>Monday</u></b>    | Bank Holiday   |
| <b><u>Tuesday</u></b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reading books and Reading Records will be collected to be quarantined</b></li> <li>• Phonics – revision of phase 3 digraphs</li> <li>• Maths – Spatial reasoning</li> <li>• PSED: Solving problems to stay friends</li> <li>• Focus book: Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival</li> </ul>  |
| <b><u>Wednesday</u></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonics – revision of phase 3 digraphs</li> <li>• Maths – Spatial reasoning</li> <li>• Gardening Club - Starfish Class</li> <li>• Understand the World - Sinking and floating</li> <li>• RE - <i>how do we celebrate our journey through life?</i> An open discussion about different family celebrations; religious, multi-cultural and otherwise and how they might be celebrated in different ways.</li> </ul> |



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| <b><u>Thursday</u></b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reading - New reading books will be issued and sent out</b></li> <li>• Phonics – revision of phase 3 digraphs</li> <li>• Maths – Spatial reasoning</li> <li>• Philosophy - Is it ok to waste water?</li> <li>• Octopus PE (Ball Skills - kicking)</li> </ul> |
| <b><u>Friday</u></b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phonics – revision of phase 3 digraphs</li> <li>• Maths – Spatial reasoning</li> <li>• Writing - Write a prediction for an experiment</li> <li>• Starfish PE (Ball Skills - kicking)</li> </ul>   |

### **Additional Information**

#### **Water bottles and toys**

Just a quick note to say, please ask your child to carry their water bottle separately to put in our water bottle box in the morning. Water bottles can leak in the book bags and cause damage to the books and reading records.

Following the school's Covid-19 risk assessment, please do not allow your child to bring in toys and other non-essential items unless there has been an arrangement made with the teacher.

Thank you for your understanding.

### **Year 1**



In Year 1 so far this term we have dressed as farmers, planted sunflower seeds, learnt lots of facts about flowers and completed some lovely observational drawings – thank you very much for the effort you all put into your costumes and for remembering to bring in flowers for the lesson Year 1.

Next week we'll be looking at the story 'What the ladybird heard by Julia Donaldson and Lydia Monks and begin thinking about how we will innovate the story into our own version.

Trip to Windmill Hill City Farm – volunteers please!

This week you will have received a letter about our trip to the farm. Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer to help on our trip. Thank you for your support.

PE

Bears – Mondays and Thursdays

Badgers – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Butterflies – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Daily Mile

The children will be taking part in a daily mile throughout the week on the days they don't have P.E please bear this in mind for children's footwear being suitable for running.

**Please can your child bring in a bottle of water with them every day.**

**Year 2**

PE

Falcon – Mondays and Tuesdays

Flamingo – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Fox – Tuesdays and Fridays

Reading

Please ensure that your child brings their school reading book and reading record to school each Monday so that books can be quarantined, and new books issued on Wednesdays. Thank you!

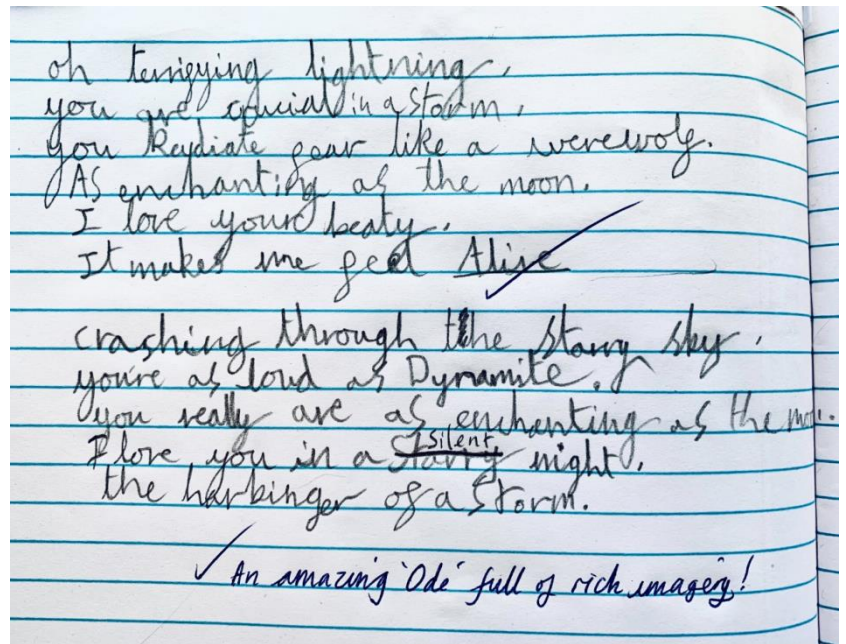
Times tables

Please practise times tables at home on TT Rockstars. If you have forgotten your login details, contact your child's class teacher.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

### Year 3

Year 3 have had a fabulous week investigating reflection and writing odes to beautiful light sources!



### Tables

When practising their tables please do the division facts too .... eg:  $3 \times 4 = 12$  12 divided by 3 = 4

By the summer term, the Year 3's need to know their x2, x3, x4, x5, x8 and x10 tables. Please try to practice 3 or 4 times a week. It really helps their maths.

### PE

Heron - Tuesdays

Hedgehog – Thursdays

Honeybee – Fridays

Year 3 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. (Tuesdays-Hedgehog)

### Reading

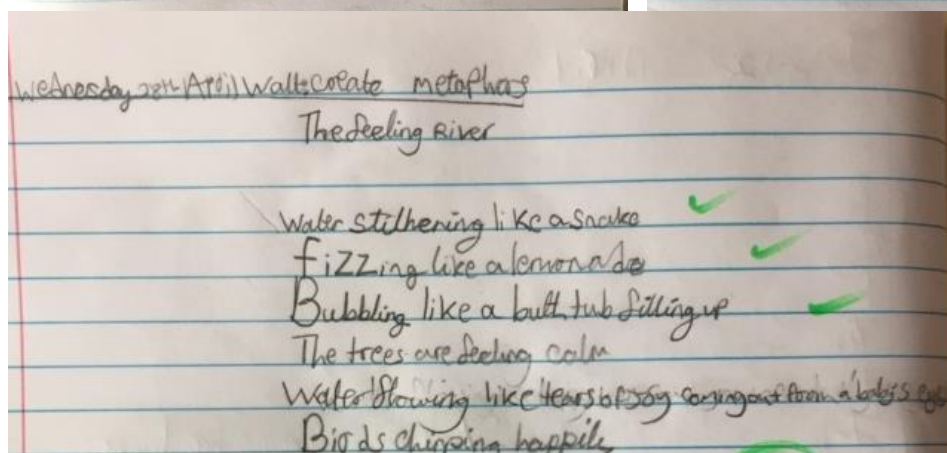
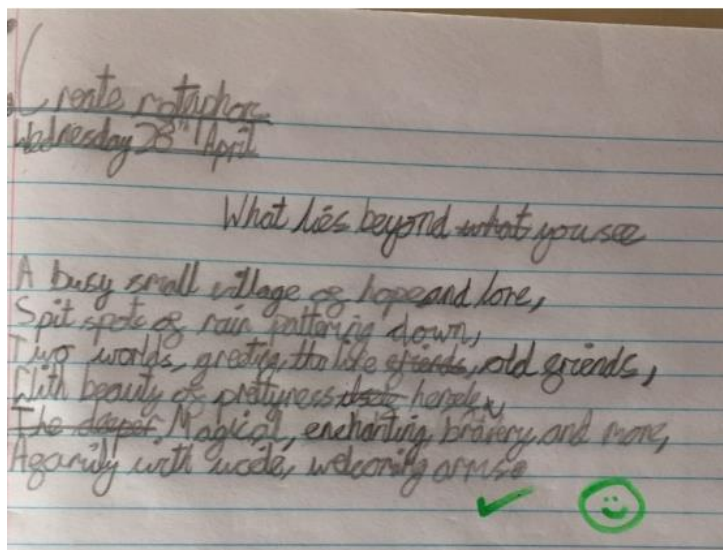
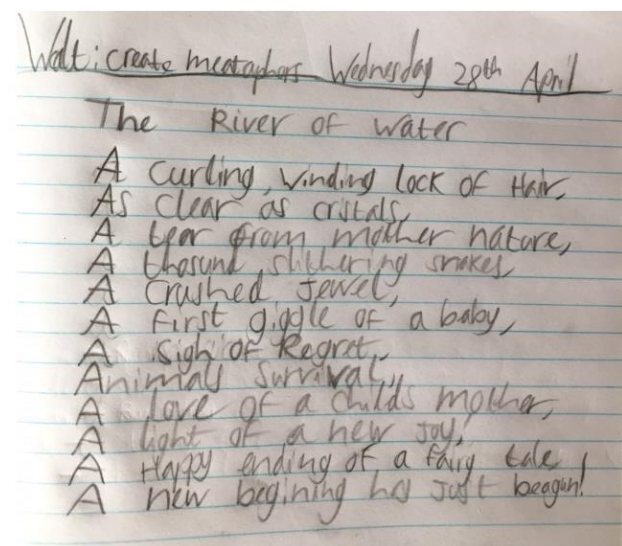
All Year 3 --Please ensure that your child brings their book bag and reading record to school every day next week – it is essential that I can get an idea of the current level of your child's reading. Thank you!



## Year 4

### **Fantastic Poetry**

Check out Olive, Laila and Poppy's amazing poetry! Mr Commander was very impressed and handed out a few of his coveted stickers!



### PE

Kiwi, Kangaroo and Koala – Tuesdays

Year 4 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Mondays and Wednesdays (Kiwis)

Wednesdays and Thursdays (Kangaroos and Koalas)

### Reading

All Year 4 --Please ensure that your child brings their school reading book and reading record to school each Monday so that books can be quarantined, and new books issued on Wednesdays. Please write a short comment in the reading record each time you hear your child read. It helps to keep track of progress and identify next steps in your child's reading journey. Thank you!

### Homework

All children took a homework 'menu' home at the end of last term. Homework is also set on google classroom. Your child may choose an assignment from the menu each week and submit it in that week's homework portal on classroom.

### Jewel boxes

Please can each child bring a small box to school next week, lined with tissue, to take home their delicate Anglo-Saxon charms?



### Year 5

Thanks for sending in the fabric. This week we have been looking at 1960s fashion trends. This inspired us to create some of our own designs in the style of hippies, Mods, Rockers, Space Age and Psychedelic.



Lions



Leopards

### Homework

Year 5 homework can be found on Google Classrooms from this week. Homework will be available from Thursday evening and need to be 'turned in' on Google Classroom by the following Wednesday.

There is a slight change to the original homework schedule. The interview homework will now be for week 3, and due on Wednesday 5th March. All details for this can be found on Google Classrooms now, as you may want to get started with this slightly earlier.

### PE

Lemur – Mondays

Leopard – Tuesdays

Lion – Mondays

Year 5 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### Reading

All Year 5 -Please ensure that your child brings their reading record to school every week – it is essential that we can see the current level and amount of your child's reading. Please update regularly with your home reading and make sure an adult signs your book. We will be checking these every Thursday.



## Year 6

### Some exciting news...

Mr Commander has been busy behind the scenes organising an exciting (covid compliant!) adventure day trip for the children in year 6! More information to follow soon, but a potential date for the diaries is 27<sup>th</sup> May (TBC). We are excited to share more details with you ASAP!

### Immersive

Over the next two weeks, the children will be completing a range of activities to support in writing and debating balanced arguments on a variety of topics.

### Homework & Spellings

Year 6 homework can be found on google classrooms. Please submit your responses via google classrooms by the date shown on the homework sheet. Remember to keep practising your times tables on TTRockstars too. All spellings can also be found on google classroom, along with the dates of each weekly test.

### PE

Puffins – Mondays

Penguins – Thursdays

Pelicans – Thursdays

Year 6 will also have 'Daily Mile' running sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays