



Southville Primary School Newsletter



19th November 2021



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Southville School Development Plan 2021-22... This week's front page is dedicated to sharing with you a summary of this year's School Development Plan. We are already seeing the impact of this work and we are excited about the year ahead. Later in the year I will be inviting you to contribute to the long-term vision for the school which will then steer future plans.

Phonics and Reading



We are introducing a new phonics and early reading scheme called Little Wandle into EYFS and Key Stage 1. It builds on the way your children have been taught so far but with closely matched (brand new!) books and resources. In Key Stage 2 we are going to embed a more consistent approach to how we teach reading.

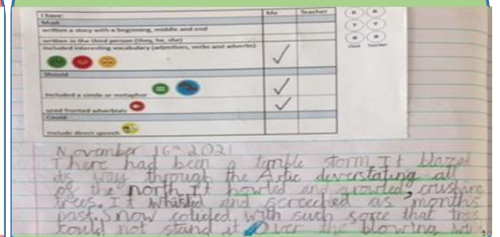
Play



Outdoor Play and Learning

We are working with OPAL to develop our play offer across both sites. Children spend the equivalent of a day a week at playtime so it is important we make the most of this valuable time. We are currently evaluating our play provision and as the year goes on, the opportunities for creativity, performance, construction and physical play for all children will increase.

Writing



Within the immersive approach to our curriculum we are making sure that the writing skills our children need are taught rigorously, smoothly building upon previous learning. We are ensuring that handwriting and spelling expectations in each year group are clear and shared in a way that children can embed in their day to day writing.

Enhancing Learning



Across the school we are taking time to develop the learning environment and are also working with the DELTA project (led by the Education Endowment Fund) which is helping us to support our amazing LSA team in their vital roles. In EYFS, changes to the curriculum are leading us to develop our approach to facilitating and assessing the children's learning.

Curriculum Leadership



The first cycle of the new curriculum was interrupted by covid, and so we are making sure that, within our immersive approach, the children's knowledge (eg scientific or historical) is developed systematically as they go through the school. We are also continuing to establish curriculum leadership teams to support future work on the curriculum.

Whole school values...

We continue to build our whole school values as part of our ongoing commitment to the children. As part of this we would like to consult with each family. We have been doing this in stages to ensure we capture the breadth of opinion across the school community and the final stage is our Key Stage 2 families.

Years 3 to 6, please follow the link below:

Year 3: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LX58B7Z>

Year 4: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LNS63QS>

Year 5: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LNNLKCF>

Year 6: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LNBJGR2>

Many thanks, Mr Potter

House Captains...

We are super proud of all the children who put themselves forward this year for the House Captain vote. The race to the spots were hotly contested with the whole school really enjoying watching the speeches.

The result is

Stackpool House: Evie, Ellis and the deputy is Sophia.

Milford House: Joe N, Laurie and the deputy is Maria.

Merrywood House: Aya, Martha and the deputy is Ava.

Greville House: Anna, Felix and the deputy is Freya.

Christmas/Winter food parcels...

Our winter food parcels last year were so successful we are repeating them this year. We were able to provide over 30 parcels to families within our school community. This was only made possible because of your generosity, providing either food or financial donations. So, we are asking for your help again.

To provide a financial donation please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://app.investmycommunity.com/southville-primary-school-2730>



If you would like to donate food or store cupboard items, I am happy to collect from either office.

If you would like to receive a parcel, please email me directly; paula.mathias@bristol-schools.uk



Southville Primary School Nursery



Is your child turning 3 before 31st August 2022? We welcome you to join us at Southville Primary Nursery! Fully funded 15 hour and 30 hour places are available for September 2022.

Open Evening Dates

Tuesday 8th February 2022

Thursday 10th February 2022

Please call 0117 3772671 or pop into the Merrywood Office to book!

Year Group Updates

Nursery...

“Shake shake shake, shake shake shake, shake your maracas...!”

This week, the Seahorses have been tuning our ears into different sounds. We read the story ‘Peace at Last’, with Poor old Mr Bear unable to sleep with all the noises in his house. We then made our own maracas, using different items to put inside and carefully listening to the different sounds they made.

It was ‘Odd Socks’ week this week. We talked about how wonderful it is to be different and unique!

Festive Performances...

There was a slight error in last week’s newsletter; Nursery was missed out of the festive performance information table. We are joining in Reception’s performance on Tuesday 7th December (Seahorse one children and full timers) and Wednesday 8th December (Seahorse 2 children and full timers). The Nursery children will be doing a little snowflake dance (a simple snowflake/white outfit for your child to wear will be greatly appreciated).

More information on this and how to get tickets will come home soon.

Many thanks

Reception...

Dear Families,

This week our focus is “action-packed jobs”, including firefighters, secret agents, police officers and more! Our key person this week is boxer Mohammad Ali and we will be reading his book from the ‘Little People, Big Dreams’ series.

Each week our children will be accessing resources from our continuous provision. Here are our specific focuses for the next week:

<u>Area of Learning</u>	<u>Week beginning 22.11.21</u>
Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Responsibilities Zones of Regulation
Communication and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ‘Bucket Time’ (Attention Circle Times) Philosophy Circle Time - Does something have to be sparkly to be beautiful?
Physical Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cosmic Kids Yoga Learning a dance for the winter performance
Literacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus text - ‘Little Big, People Dreams - Mohammad Ali’ Phonics - Phase 2 - We are learning: h, b, f, l Writing task - writing about action-packed jobs 1:1 reading
Mathematics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spatial awareness, <u>circles</u> and <u>triangles</u> <u>Numberblocks</u>
Understanding the World	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careers Forest School - Friday 26th November - Octopus Class
Expressive Arts and Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music - learning songs for the winter performance Winter craft - scissor skill snowflakes, penguins A range of Forest School craft
<u>Characteristic of Effective Learning focus</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Learning - motivation - keeping trying

Reception continued...

Additional Information

Jobs

We would like to again invite any parents who would like to come in and talk about their job to the children. It doesn't have to be linked to the focus for the week - we welcome any and all jobs at any time! If you are interested in organising a time, please speak to your class teacher. The children have loved all the visits so far!

Winter performance

We are having lots of fun practising our songs for the winter performance! Please find below a list of costumes for each class. A bit closer to the time, we will ask children to bring their costumes in in a named bag to be kept in the classroom for dress rehearsals and performances.

Starfish - coat, hat, scarves and gloves

Jellyfish - snow people

Octopus - suns

Forest School

Next week, it is Octopus class' turn to go to Forest School.

Labels

Please double check that all belongings (especially clothes) are labelled with your child's name, as this ensures it will hopefully find its way back to your child's class if found.

Year 1...

PE days

On your child's PE day, please can the children come to school dressed in their kit, rather than bringing in kit for them to change into.

Winter performance

We pleased to announce the costumes for our Winter play. Feel free to make costumes at home out of bits you have.

Badgers

Please come dressed as a reindeer unless you have been told otherwise. Children have now been allocated their parts in the play. All children will be singing, and those who wanted to have speaking roles. If your child has lines, they have been sent home; please practise them as often as possible!

Butterflies

Please check your child's bookbag for a letter stating your child's part and costume needed. All children will be singing, and those who wanted to, have speaking roles. If your child has lines, they have been sent home; please practise them as often as possible!

Bears

Information about costumes needed and lines to learn are inside your child's Reading Record. All children will be singing, and those who wanted to have speaking roles. Please help your child to learn their lines by practising them as often as possible at home. Thank you for your support.

Year 2...

Small cardboard boxes

Next week we will be researching houses from the 17th century and then creating model houses for a 'Great Fire of London' re-enactment. Please could children bring in a small cardboard box, perhaps a cereal box size or a little bigger. Thank you! 😊

Forest School

Flamingo class had lots of fun in the Autumn sunshine this week! They participated enthusiastically in a range of activities to develop their knowledge and understanding of the natural environment, as well as their creative skills. They made clay faces, went on 'scavenger hunts' and also initiated their own activities, such as den building, tree climbing and making a 'bug garden.'



Year 3...

Please can all the children remember to bring in their spelling books before Friday? Thank you very much, the Year 3 Team.

Year 4...

Year 4 continue to be immersed in, and so enthusiastic about, their Ancient Egypt topic ... we will be going to Bristol Museum for Ancient Egypt workshops in December --- Kangaroo & Koala classes on Thursday 2nd December and Kiwi class on Tuesday 14th December. Details will be in your email inbox asap! Have a great weekend!

The Year 4 Team

Year 5...

The children in Year 5 really enjoyed the visit from the Explorer Dome last week. They were fascinated by the planetarium show and it inspired many pieces of great writing. Thanks to all the parents/ carers who contributed to this enriching experience.

Year 6...

We want to thank all the year 6 children who put themselves forward to be this year's house captains.

It is difficult to be filmed, whilst introducing yourself and explaining why you want to be a house captain. All the children who participated did an amazing job and we are proud of all of them. Unfortunately, not everybody can win the vote, but we know that the experience helps the children to find their voice when speaking to an audience. A big congratulations, to those children who were voted to captain their house we know you will be great house leader and role models.



Following last week's newsletter, I hope lots of you have now downloaded the new PTA App. We have received lots of positive feedback. If you haven't, it takes a few seconds to download; search for 'PTA Events'. The app looks like this:



The organisation code is: **southvilleprimarypta**



Just over two weeks to go until you can collect your pre-ordered Christmas trees and eco-crackers.

Please purchase these via the PTA app, or the website:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/southvilleprimarypta>

Be quick as there are only 2 potted Christmas Trees left, we do have several small and large cut trees variable for purchase. **Sales for Christmas Trees close on the 25th November.**

There are a few tickets left for Santa's grotto, book now before we're sold out! **Sales close on the 24th November.**

Winter Balloon Race: **Ticket sales close on the 30th November!** The prizes for the balloon race will be published soon, thank you for all your donations for the class hampers they are looking amazing as always!

Volunteers are still needed for the Christmas tree sales, mulled wine and some Elf duties in the grotto (costumes provided!).

New Library- in preparation for its opening next year, the school has asked the PTA for help to carry out a stock take of the current books at Myrtle site. This will be carried out on the next 3 Fridays (26th November 3rd December and 10th December) If have some spare time and would like to help, it would be very gratefully received! Please email me at southville.primary.pta@gmail.com.

Next PTA meeting – Wednesday 12th January 2022

Location: Myrtle Site

Time: 7:30pm