

ENJOY LEARNING:
EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating our Week

Thursday 28th March 2024

Infants - Looking back at this week

This week we have been enjoying some Easter activities including making and decorating Easter egg crispy cakes, crafting Easter cards and spending time with some incredibly cute fluffy, yellow visitors. In Maths Reception have been doing lots of number work, counting backwards from twenty and recording their voice which they found funny.



Lower Juniors-Looking forward to next term

Our topic is 'All the World's a Stage' where we will look at 'Ancient Greece and the Olympics'. In Literacy, we will start with 'Leo and the Gorgon's Curse' by Joe Todd. We will use this to support our written work which will include character descriptions and narratives with atmospheric settings. In History, we will identify key features, aspects and events of Ancient Greece using historical evidence and artefacts to understand what life was like in Ancient Greece. We will look at the importance of the Olympics and the impact that Ancient Greek culture has on our lives today. In Geography, we will use maps to identify modern Greece and Ancient Greece and compare a region of Greece to the UK looking at key geographical features. For Art, we will look at the role theatre had in Ancient Greece through sculpting masks and exploring Ancient Greek architecture. In Science, we will continue our unit on 'Plants' before moving on to look at 'Materials'. For Maths, we will carry on with 'Fractions' before moving on to Decimals and Time.

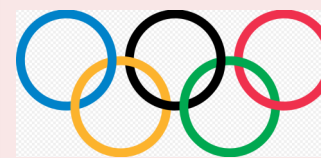
Infants—Looking forward to next term

After Easter we will be starting a new literacy unit looking at some very silly poems and using them to create our own, completing units of work on fractions and capacity and learning about farming and how it helps our community and feeds many others in preparation for our visit to the Bluebell Dairy next term. We will be exploring the stories of James Herriot and Beatrix Potter.



Reception will be reading the story 'Black Rabbit' in literacy. They will have lots of fun drawing, writing and learning about shadows. In Maths, Reception will be reinforcing their money work, looking at all the coins and naming them as well as reminding themselves about their value.

Upper Juniors-Looking forward to next term



Our new topic is 'All the World is a Stage' where we will explore Ancient Greece. We will find out what life was like in different parts of Ancient Greece. We will

find out about the Olympics and explore the impact of the Ancient Olympics on life today. In Art we will look at how theatre was a big part of Ancient Greek culture, before making theatre masks. In Literacy the first text we will look at is 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We will find out about the life and work of Shakespeare and understand the plot of the play. After this, we will explore the characters and write our own character descriptions. We will rewrite the play as a narrative from the point of view of one of the main characters. We will also be finishing our current topic of 'Animals including Humans' in Science before moving on to 'Evolution'.

House Points

Haddon - 13

Riber— 45

Chatsworth— 54

House Points Prize Winners—
Libby & Ed

Termly House Points Prize
Winner— Oliver

Charity donation decided by
Oliver—Giraffe Conservation
Foundation

What's on WC 15th April 2024

Mon 15th	First day of Term
Tues 16th	Individual violin lessons with Mrs Basford Family Service St Mary's Church 9.10am all welcome.
Weds 17th	Little Darlings Toddler Group 10.30am—12 noon. All welcome Y3/4 Sports Festival at the Arc Leisure Centre. Full PE Kits please. Coach transport to and from the event.
Thurs 18th	Juniors class music lessons
Fri 19th	Forest School Y3 PM. Please dress appropriately for the weather & location. Remainder of year groups PE at school. Full PE kit please—red shadow stripe shorts or grey/black joggers, trainers, a white sports top and school Jumpers please. Long hair to be tied back and no ear- rings or jewellery.

PE at the Cricket Field

As most of
you already
know, we
normally
swap to PE
at Darley
Dale Cricket



Club on a Friday afternoon for
Summer Terms 5 and 6, with
parents picking up directly from the
club at the end of the school day.

Given that it has been an early
Easter this year, the ground has
been waterlogged for the majority
of this winter and the sun has yet to
put in a warm appearance, we
have taken the decision to
postpone moving our PE sessions.
Forest Schools will also continue
on a Friday until the PE location
changes.

Please continue to collect your
child from school as usual until we
confirm otherwise. Thank you for
your patience.



Governors Award

The Governors Award is given to a child by the Governors following nominations by teachers in order to give special recognition to a child who has performed particularly well in any aspect of school life. The Governors award for the infants has been awarded to Peter, for his positive attitude leading to great leaps in achievement, Minnie for the lower juniors, for always being a helpful member of the class who works hard at everything she does & Fiorella for the upper juniors for her consistent hard work and commitment to learning. Congratulations to all three pupils.



Courtesy Cup

The Courtesy Cup is normally awarded to one child from Infants and Juniors at the end of the term in recognition of their continued impeccable manners, politeness and courtesy to others at all times around school. This term the Courtesy Cup has been awarded to Denna for the Juniors and Margot for the Infants.

Congratulations to both.

