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ENJOY LEARNING:  
EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E.  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Celebrating Our Week

Friday 6th December 2024

### Infants looking back at last week

We have been writing kennings-poems that use descriptive phrases like 'mouse pouncer' or 'bed snuggler' to describe a noun (Can you guess what animal this poem was describing?). We looked at the artwork of John Piper, who loved drawing buildings and created a great picture of Harlech Castle. We learned some different techniques for pencil drawings and used them to draw our own castle pictures. We have loved watching Mary and Joseph on their Posada journey and singing our Christmas songs. Reception enjoyed acting out and making a story map of "Little Red Riding Hood". In Maths they had fun feeding the Hungry caterpillar looking at what he ate on each day of the week.

### Infants Looking forward to next week

Next week will be very exciting with final Nativity practices and the two services, and then our visit to the snowdogs in Buxton. Keep practicing your words, everyone, it's going to be fab-u-lous! In Literacy the next traditional story is "Chicken Licken" and Reception will be looking at speech bubbles and speech marks as well as acting the story using props. They will also continue to work on learning the days of the week.

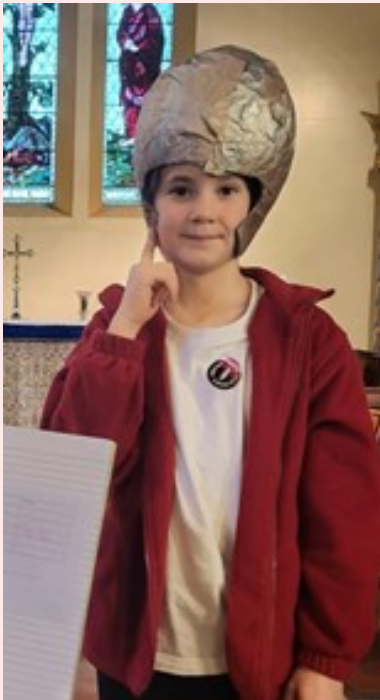
### Juniors looking back at last week

Y5/6 continued with their newspaper reports about Beowulf's defeat of Grendel as well as reading more of the book to find out about Grendel's mum. In Science we separated materials in different ways including filtering, sieving and by magnetic attraction. As part of our computing unit we filmed videos about binary code and created QR codes. Y3/4 worked on their Viking helmets and finished off their adventure stories, as well as multiplying and dividing numbers in the 2,4,5,8 and 10 times tables.

### Juniors looking forward to next week

In Y5/6 pupils will explore irreversible changes in science and will try an irreversible change. They will also be busy doing some assessments. We hope to get our Viking helmets completed and do some of our own research. Y3/4 will multiply and divide numbers in the 3,6 and 9 times tables and will also produce a range of Christmas poetry. All the juniors will explore Viking food, deciding what the foods were like and what they might have for their daily meals. All the juniors will be expected to support the infants in their Nativity service on Wednesday.

**Best work of the week was awarded to** Joshua, Denna, Matthew, William H, Anna, Alice, Leia, Eli, Oliver and Denna



## House Points

Haddon— 43

Riber— 37

Chatsworth— 64

House Points Prize winners—  
Alice & Molly

## PE Stars of the Week

Daisy T &  
Evelyn

Joshua  
& Etta

Thomas and  
Margot

## What's on next week

Mon 9th	
Tues 10th	Nativity Rehearsal AM. Open Afternoon for parents with children due to start reception in 2025.
Weds 11th	Little Darlings Toddler Group 10.30am—12 noon in the infant classroom. Nativity Service 2pm and 6.30pm. St Mary's Church. Tickets through Mrs Manning
Thurs 12th	Infant trip to Buxton to do the Snowdog Trail. School uniform, sensible shoes and weather appropriate outer layers please
Fri 13th	PE at school in the afternoon. Individual ukulele/guitar lessons with Mr Fletcher. Juniors music class lessons with Mr Newland.

## Reminders

**Reminder: Please remember to request nativity tickets by 9am on Monday morning as any spare tickets will be released to everyone later on in the day.**

**Reminder: Infants—please complete your consents on Parentpay by Monday for Thursdays Snowdog trip. Without a completed consent your child will be unable to go on the school trip. Please complete consents by Monday at the latest to allow the school to insure the trip. Thank you.**



## Stop Press!

We understand that the Oker Road is finally open, allowing parents and children who travel from Matlock to get to the school much more quickly. We are however, told that there will, be a short closure at Snitterton between 20th—22nd January 2025.

Thank you to all the staff, parents and volunteers from FOSDS who helped make our 2024 Christmas Fayre such a success. Thank you to Santa who made a special appearance. As soon as the amount raised is known, we will let you know.



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