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ENJOY LEARNING:
EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating Our Week

Friday 2nd May 2025

Infants looking back at last week

We researched the stories of some of Titanic's passengers and found out what happened to them on the night of the sinking. We finished our 'I Was There' chapter book which we all loved. We created some really effective art by painting a wash and cutting out silhouettes of Titanic. We made great progress with grouping and sharing in our maths work using the new counting equipment, courtesy of FOSDS. We planted some potatoes and have been watering them daily, but there are no sign of shoots yet! Reception enjoyed the story "Two Can Toucan" and wrote their own letter and postcard after finding out what to include in them. They then read the contents back to their classmates. In Maths Reception had fun counting money and understanding the value of each coin.

Infants Looking forward to next week

We are planning to master telling the time and Y1 pupils will tackle wholes and halves. We will plan and write stories in the style of a fairytale, using the versions we have read as inspiration. We will find out about George Stephenson and the impact that the railways had on everyday lives and national events. We will be growing beans in bags so that we can observe the parts which would usually be hidden under the soil. Reception will learn about African animals before putting pictures of the animals in alphabetical order. In Maths they will learn about different seasons and the changes they bring. They will also revisit "0' clock and half past the hours".

Juniors looking back at last week

We have all been finding out about historical space exploration and used this information to create a timeline of these events. Some children researched some of the events further. Year 5 and 6 have been busy writing a narrative in the style of Helen Ward about their planet and some problematic intruders! As well as this, they have carried out a scientific enquiry about how exercise affects heart rate. Year 3 and 4 have started a new unit in computing using tips for filming a good video. In Maths Year 3 and 4 have started looking at fractions and in Literacy they have been writing an introduction to their space hotel. They have also made use of the good weather by looking at shadows in Science.

Juniors looking forward to next week

All the juniors will be exploring planets in more detail. They will choose planets to research further and then be sharing what they have found out with the rest of the children. Year 5 and 6 will be completing their Helen Ward narratives and starting to look at and evaluate some space themed poems. As well as this they will be exploring the benefits of good diet and exercise. Year 3 and 4 will complete their Space Hotel non-chronological report and will find out more about fractions. Juniors are very excited to use their new sketch books and will be experimenting and exploring different ways of representing space. Thanks to Turners Art Supplies in Rowsley for their generous donation of sketch books!

Best work of the week was awarded to Rosa M, Etta, Caitlyn, Ava, Denna, William M, Peter and Ralph



House Points

Haddon—78

Riber—44

Chatsworth — 101

House Points Prize winners—

Freya and George

PE Stars of the Week

George
& Peter

Ella A &
Thomas

Nicholas
& Denna

PE at Darley Dale Cricket Club



What's on next week

Mon 5th	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 6th	
Weds 7th	Little Darlings Toddler Group 10.30am—12 noon. All welcome. Y3/4 school swimming. Please remember swim kits including swim hats. No jewellery and long hair to be tied back please.
Thurs 8th	VE Day themed Cake Sale after school. Please bring donations in to the school office in the morning and ensure they have an ingredients list attached.
Fri 9th	PE at the Cricket Club in the afternoon. Please collect children from the cricket club at their normal collection time. No jewellery (including earrings) and please tie back long hair. Juniors class & individual music lessons.

Reminder: Y5/6 parents: please complete attendance confirmation and pay deposit for Whitehall Residential by Monday 5th May 2025.

Reminder: Y5/6 parents: please complete consent forms for Bikeability by 14th May 2025—link for consents is <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/seem-ride-two>

Reminder: Infant parents: please complete consent forms for trip to Crich Tramway Museum by 12th May 2025

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