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EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating Our Week

Friday 17th October 2025

Infants looking back at last week

We have worked hard on our sentence writing and used our phonics skills to sound out words, add punctuation and remember finger spaces. We worked on our common exception words and some pupils are very keen to show off their skills in next week's spelling bee. We found out about harvest traditions and why people come together to celebrate. Reception acted out the story "Knock Knock Who's There?" and described the characters in the book. In Maths Reception completed lots of counting, wrote number sentences to ten and added on one more to a number.

Infants Looking forward to next week

We will read some fantasy stories and identify their fantasy elements. We will use methods we have learned for addition to tackle some larger numbers and find out about more formal methods to record our work. Reception will think of things they like to do and will make a list and create a book of those things. In Maths Reception will count Autumn objects and match numbers to the amounts. They will count back from twenty and will look at numbers to ten more closely forming them correctly.

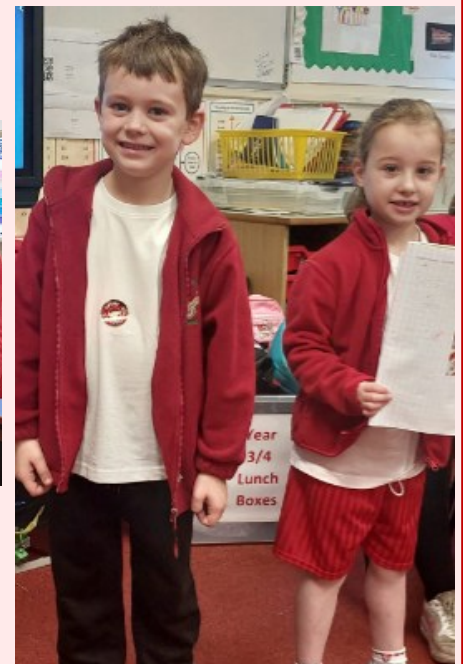
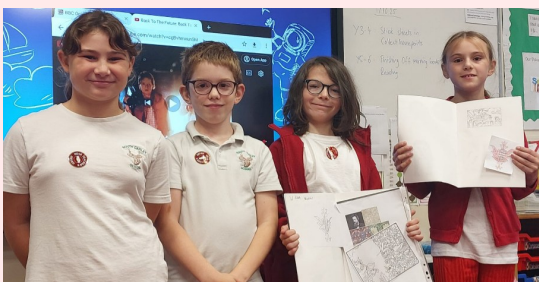
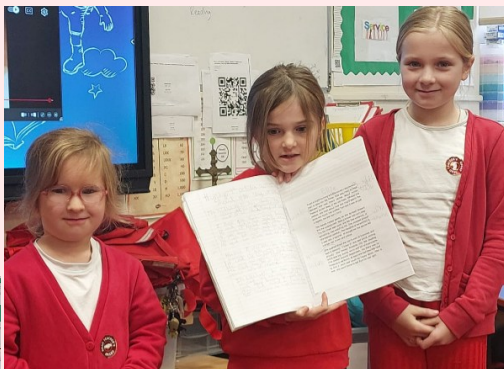
Juniors looking back at last week

We all enjoyed our trip to Cromford Mills on Monday, learning about the mill before trying different activities based on jobs done in the mills. We walked around the village to look at some different landmarks including the old village jail! Y5 also enjoyed their skateboarding session at Darley Dale. Y5/6 and Y3/4 classes wrote balanced arguments based on whether Jim should escape from the workhouse or not. They also looked at William Morris in Art.

Juniors looking forward to next week

We will recap on our trip to Cromford and complete work based on this; we will be using photos of the places we explored. Y5/6 will be looking at newspaper reports and will begin to write and plan one of their own about Jim's escape from the workhouse in Street Child. They will test out the boats they have made to see how buoyant and streamlined they are. Y3/4 will continue their addition and subtraction unit in Maths, and will read more of Street Child. We will also have the spelling bee – we will let parents have a full list of participants as soon as possible—good luck to everyone who takes part!

Best work of the week was awarded to Minnie, Archie, Ellie, Charlie, Flo, Harriet, Stevie, Thomas and Ella.



House Points

Haddon— 36

Riber— 86

Chatsworth — 55

House Points Prize winners—
Rosa R & Harriet

PE Stars of the Week

George SG &
Stevie

Leo &
Matilda

Y5 Juniors went to Darley Dale Primary School to participate in a 'Skateboarding Festival'.



Last week's Forest Schools session in the plantation



What's on next week

Sat 18th	FOSDS Welcome Walk. 2pm on the School Playground.
Mon 20th	Juniors individual music lessons
Tues 21st	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church. Donations of non-perishable items sought. All welcome. 9.10am. Infants Craft Intergenerational session at Ivonbrook. 2pm—3pm. Football league match at St Josephs 3.30pm—4.15pm. Parental help with transport required please to the event. Please pick pupils up from St Josephs at the end of the event. Full football kits please.
Wed 22nd	Please note that due to building works Little Darlings Toddler Group will not be running today. Selected pupils at Cross Country Event at Cavendish Fields 1.30—3pm. See letter for more information. Parental assistance with transport to the event required. Please collect pupils from Cavendish fields at end of the event. After school club pupils will be brought back to school.
Thurs 23rd	Spelling Bee in the Village Hall at 2pm. All welcome to attend. Qualifiers will be notified ASAP.
Fri 24th	Last day of Autumn Term 1 2025. PE on the school playground. Full PE Kit please—white T shirt, red school jumper, red shadow stripe shorts or grey or black joggers in colder weather. Trainers suitable for PE. No leggings. No jewellery (including earrings) and please tie back long hair). Please bring bookbags when PE is at school. Juniors class music lessons AM. Y6 Forest School PM. Long sleeved tops and trousers, suitable outerwear for the weather on the day and outdoor boots please. Qualitas Football Tournament at Ashover School. 11.45am—3pm selected pupils only. Please see letter for details. Packed lunches required. Football/PE Kits and outerwear suitable for the weather on the day.
Mon 3rd November	First day of Autumn Term 2 2025. Y6 Bikeability. Please bring bicycles and properly fitted helmet. Clothes suitable for riding bikes can be worn. Please make sure you have completed your consent form.

Reminder: All Parents: Dinner Choices for Autumn Term 2 and Spring Terms 3 & 4. Please follow the link to inform school of the choices for your child. The menu can be found on the school website and was also emailed via Parentpay. <https://forms.office.com/e/U2FVXxXiat>

Reminder: Y6 Parents: Please complete your Bikeability consent form before **24.10.25**. <https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/days-fog-light>

Reminder: All Parents: Flu Immunisation consents are due by **28.10.25**. A response is required from **ALL** parents. <https://nhs.uk/imm/azuresites/session/c1049f62>

Reminder: All Junior Parents: Please complete and return your paper Instrument Loan Agreement by **23.10.25**

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