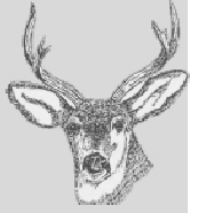


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ENJOY LEARNING:
EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating Our Week

Friday 23rd January 2026

Infants looking back at last week

We wrote fantastic stories based on The Three Little Pigs and checked spelling as well as punctuation. We thought about what a superhero looks like and the kinds of things they do and then created our images on i-Pads before asking AI to turn them into images or comic strips. We observed ice as it melted and designed an experiment to identify what we can do to turn it into a liquid and identified whether this is was a reversible change. Reception read "Open Very Carefully", acting out instructions and looking at bossy verbs. They then followed instructions making crispy buns. In Maths, they had fun at the pet show deciding which dog came 1st ,2nd,3rd,4th etc.

Infants looking forward to next week

We will focus on different types of sentence: statements, exclamations, questions and commands. We will think about the purpose of each and practise writing and reading them, changing our expression depending on the punctuation being used. We will look at comics and how they are illustrated and create our own pop art. In Literacy, Reception will continue to look at instructions before making zig zag books. In Maths, they will revisit shape and look at lines of symmetry by making butterflies.

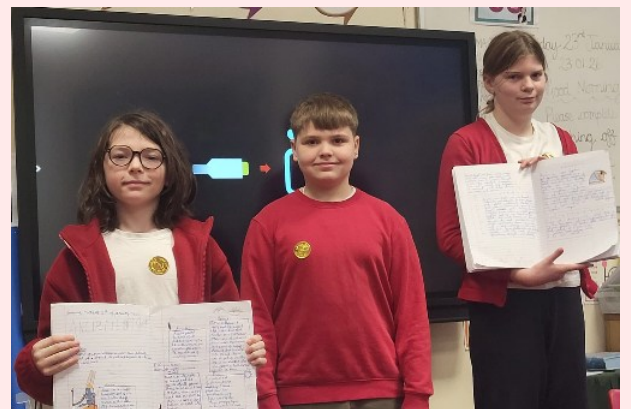
Juniors looking back at last week

All the juniors have been exploring Ancient Civilisations, researching them and adding them to a timeline, as well as recording how long each one lasted in comparison to the others. Y5/6 finished their non-chronological reports about Egyptian Gods and Goddesses and thought about the different emotions Rhodopids felt in 'Egyptian Cinderella'. In Science they explored parallel and series circuits comparing the brightness of bulbs and how they worked. Y3/4 have looked at scaling and combinations as part of multiplication and have researched Egyptian gods to help write a non-chronological report.

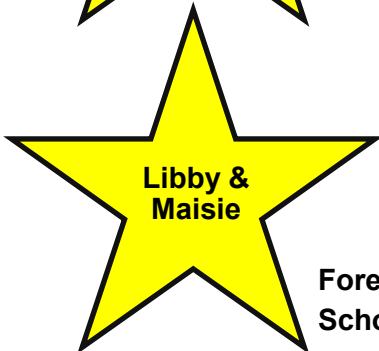
Juniors looking forward to next week

All the juniors will be finding out some important things about the Manchester Museum before our visit on the 3rd February 2025. We will be looking at how to think of questions and find things out when we explore lots of the amazing artefacts that are there. Year 5 and 6 will be writing a diary for Rhodopis thinking particularly about her differing emotions. They will also be starting 'Evolution' in Science. Year 3 and 4 will begin to look at formal written methods of multiplication and will be doing Literacy work based around 'Egyptian Cinderella'.

Best work of the week was awarded to Joshua, Rosa, Corey, Leia, Matilda, Olivia, Charlie, Izzy, Belle, Eli and Peter



House Points
Haddon— 73
Riber— 87
Chatsworth — 69
House Points Prize winners— Thomas and Penola
PE Stars of the Week



Forest
Schools



What's on next week	
Mon 26th	
Tues 27th	
Wed 28th	Little Darlings Toddler Play and Stay Group 10.30am—12 noon. Juniors Swimming lessons 10.30am—12 noon. Please ensure full swim kit including swim hats are brought in. Long hair to be tied back and jewellery removed please.
Thurs 29th	Junior girls football leader training at school. Selected pupils only. Full PE kits please. 1pm—2pm
Fri 30th	PE at school. 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. Please remember to bring violins. Y4 Forest School PM. Long sleeved tops and trousers, suitable outerwear for the weather on the day and outdoor boots please.

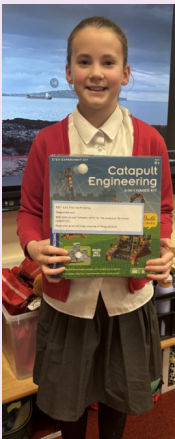
Reminder: Infants: Please make payment and complete consent for trip to Sudbury Hall by 3rd March 2026 on Parentpay

Reminder: Juniors: Please make payment and complete consent for trip to Manchester Museum by 27th January 2026 on Parentpay

PE in the Village Hall



PHYSICS COMPETITION WINNERS



We were delighted to receive the results of the 'Physics at Christmas' competition many of the children entered before the holidays.

Each school had a winner in their school who received a prize. Leia won this with her great idea for a Santa Sleigh.

Nearly 100 children from a variety of schools in the area entered the competition which was judged by Y7 and 8 pupils at Lady Manners and the Head of Physics.

We are thrilled to announce that from all those entries Stevie was the overall winner – WOW! What a brilliant achievement!



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