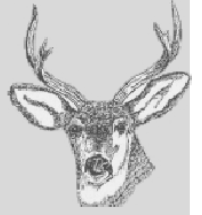


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ENJOY LEARNING:
EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating Our Week

Friday 17th April 2026

Infants looking back at last week

We've been recapping features we expect to find in a traditional tale, including animals. We researched Australian animals before reading two traditional Australian tales, Tiddalik the Frog and Rainbow Bird, spotting familiar features and Australian animals. We've been comparing capacity and volume and learning about unit fractions. We've explored several retellings of Jack and the Beanstalk, looking at this term's key vocabulary. Reception enjoyed the stories "My Mum and My Dad" and did some good similes e.g. "My Mum is as beautiful as a butterfly". "My Dad is as strong as a gorilla". In Maths, Reception counted back from ten to zero, and then 20 to zero by the end of the week.

Infants looking forward to next week

We'll be reading more stories from the Billabong; Lizard Man, The Creation of Uluru and How Crow Became Black. We'll be exploring different types of seeds, wondering what types of plants they will grow into, and finding out about St George, our patron saint, and how his special day is celebrated. Reception's story is 'Avocado baby', a funny story they'll love. The children will create their own version and act it out. In Maths, Reception will be playing money games and role playing in our greengrocers.

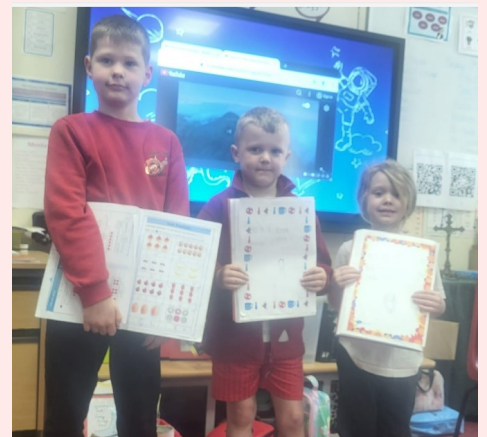
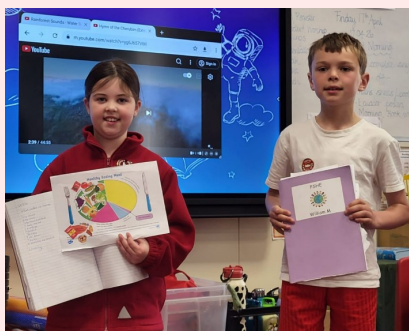
Juniors looking back at last week

All the juniors have started their new topic about the rainforest and have explored where the rainforests of the world are using maps and Google Earth. They then went on to explore the life of a 13-year-old boy who lives in Ecuador to see what his life is like living in the rainforest. Year 5 and 6 have been reading the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' and researching the reasons for and against deforestation. This led into a debate on the subject. Year 3 / 4 have been reading the book 'The Vanishing Rainforest', and have been measuring capacity by filling different jugs with water.

Juniors looking forward to next week

Next week all the juniors will be continuing finding out a bit more about Ecuador as well as exploring the climate of rainforests. Following on from their debate, Year 5 and 6 will be writing a balanced argument about deforestation using all the knowledge they have gained. They will be completing work in Science about Evolution by looking at selective and cross breeding. Year 3 and 4 will be preparing for a debate and will move onto 'time' in Maths. Keep testing them at home to see how much they remember!

Best work of the week was awarded to Eli, Olivia, Isabella, Libby, Beshlie, William, Flo and Stanley.



House Points

Chatsworth — 76

Haddon — 58

Riber — 81

**House Points Prize winners—
Arnie and Joshua**

PE Stars of the Week

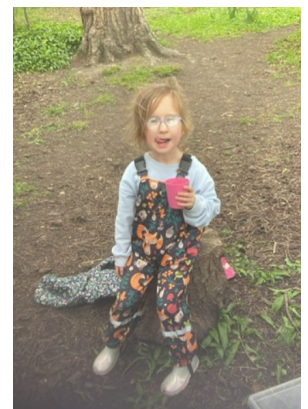
**Beth
George H**

**Harriet
Stanley**

What's on next week

Mon 20th April	
Tues 21st	Cancelled: Family Service (due to funeral)
Wed 22nd	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 23rd	Football League match v St Giles. Selected children - please see letter.
Fri 24th	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. Y3 Forest School PM. Long sleeved tops and trousers, suitable outerwear for the weather on the day and outdoor boots please.

PE and Forest Schools



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