

CURRICULUM NEWS

March 2024

Easter Holiday Camp

Our school is playing host to a fantastic series of workshops over the Easter holidays. Creative Kitchen (based in Consett) are holding 'junior chef' sessions, aimed at supporting children to develop life skills and learn about nutrition, as well as having fun!

Check out the post on our school's Facebook page or visit www.creative-kitchen.co.uk for more details!

NEARLY EASTER AT SSJS!

It's the end of another busy term, full of creativity, hard work, determination and resilience (and that's just the parent entries for the Easter Egg competition!).

March has seen a wide range of events in school, including World Book Day, British Science Week and Careers Week.

We have been really impressed with everyone's efforts, particularly in the amazing range of science projects for the competition. Well done to everyone who entered!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 17th April - Y4 Drama workshops
- 18th April - 'Meet the teacher' drop in for Y3
- 24th April - Tree planting for Y3 and Y5
- w.b. 29th April - Parent meetings
- 9th May - Y4 Durham Cathedral trip
- w.b. 13th May - Y6 SATs week
- Various dates - South Moor Library visits




REMINDERS

We ask that you listen to your child read at least three times per week. Please remind them to bring their reading books and reading records into school every day!

Further information about our school curriculum can be found on the school website.

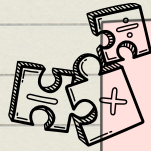
Our Facebook page also carries regular updates about your child's learning and school or community events.



Award-winning writers!

Some of our current topics:

The North East
Percussion
Sculptures
Living things
La musique et les instruments

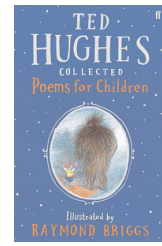


Maths:
Time

English:
Poetry ('childhood')

"I'm really enjoying writing kenning poems in English!"
Evelyn

YEAR 3



What we're reading...



Thrive techniques!

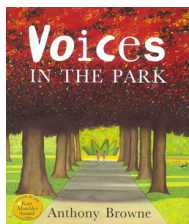


Eggcellent work!



Investigating!

YEAR 4



What we're reading...

Some of our current topics:

Electricity
Haikus
Easter and Lent
Why does Italy shake and roar?
Scratch



Maths:
Decimals

English:
Character descriptions

"It was interesting when we made our own volcanoes! Mine was perfect!"
Kyden



Hearing about possible careers!



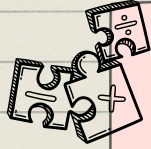
Getting top writing tips!



Working like a dog!

Some of our current topics:

- Invasion games
- Pop-up cards
- Musical theatre
- Puberty
- Where food comes from

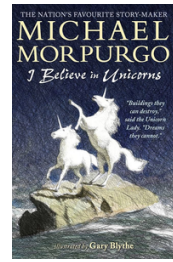


Maths:
Angles

English:
Persuasive leaflets

"In PE, we've been learning about sportsmanship!"
Ilithia

YEAR 5



What we're reading...



Defying gravity!



650 books and counting!



Musical theatre!

YEAR 6



What we're reading...

Some of our current topics:

- Cookery
- Netball
- Good Friday
- Microbits
- Map reading



Maths:
Algebra and data

English:
Poetry ('war')

"Algebra is fun because it is a bit like code-cracking!"
Kaylem



Dodge that!



Cooking up a storm!



Helping younger readers!

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Our extra-curricular events in March

CAREERS WEEK

There were lots of opportunities this month for pupils to find out where their education might take them! Here are some of the visitors we had in school:

- Bronya - Engineer
- Brian - Chef
- Olivia - Pathologist
- Alan - Fireman
- Patrick - UK Border Force
- Victoria - Social Worker

See what your child can tell you about these different careers!

Guess Who?

As well as hearing about the jobs and qualifications of different visitors, pupils tried to identify members of staff from clues about their careers!

From RAF photographers, travel agents and magazine editors, to swimming instructors, supermarket managers and police officers, our staff have had a huge range of different jobs before working at SSJS!



Super scientists!

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

This year, the theme of BSW was 'Time'.

In school, pupils enjoyed taking part in some time-themed science lessons, from making our own timers to exploring the impacts of mould and non-biodegradable materials over time.

There were lots of links between our science and careers learning this year, too, giving pupils the chance to see where science could take them in future!

WORLD BOOK DAY

As usual, we had a multitude of book-themed events and activities, spread over two days!

There were lots of very creative costumes on show on the Thursday, and we enjoyed some brilliant sessions with James Harris (author) to end the week.

Turnout for the parent/carer sessions was fantastic - thank you for your support and we look forward to welcoming you into school again next term!



Our annual author visit!