

CURRICULUM NEWS

January 2024



Outdoor improvements!

As well as the recent work done to both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 playgrounds, the installation of the new hexagonal wooden gazebo is almost complete! This will be a brilliant addition to the school site, with sheltered seating for a whole class of pupils.

We're looking forward to enjoying some more learning outdoors (once the snow and storms have finally left us in peace!).

LAST MONTH AT SSJS

2023 is already a distant memory and we're all feeling older and wiser!

We've had a busy start to term, as usual, with a number of visitors in school and lots of exciting new topics to get our teeth into (quite literally, in Y3's case, with their healthy eating project in D&T).

There has been some particularly impressive science work going on across school, with lots of investigations to develop our 'working scientifically' skills. Perfect preparation for British Science Week next half-term!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 13th February - 6T to South Moor Library
- 28th February - Y5 Durham University visit
- 1st March - University outreach for Y5 and Y6
- 7th March - World Book Day (with optional book-themed fancy dress and parent/carer afternoon)
- 8th March - James Harris (author) visiting school all day (working with classes)

Enjoying sharing books together!



Gazebros!



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.

Some of our current topics:

Gymnastics
Les Animaux
What is Bullying?
Bronze and Iron Ages
Healthy Eating



Maths:
Measures
(Mass)

English:
Chapter stories

*"I'm really enjoying
our guided reading
sessions!"*
Lily-Rose

YEAR 3



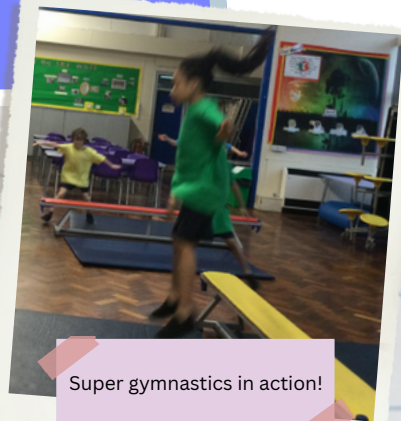
What we're
reading...



Keeping fit!

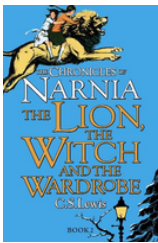


Mag-neat-o!



Super gymnastics in action!

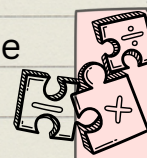
YEAR 4



What we're
reading...

Some of our current topics:

Miracles in the Bible
Boucle D'Or
Torches
Staying Safe Online
Here Come the Romans



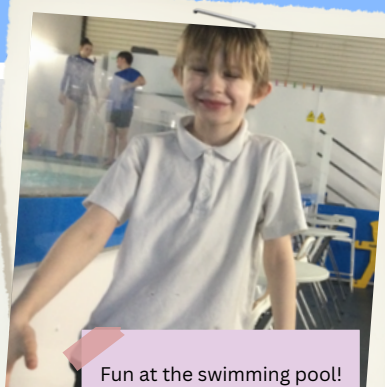
Maths:
Fractions

English:
Writing like C.S. Lewis

*"All of our science
experiments have been
really cool!"*
Anya



Musical motifs!



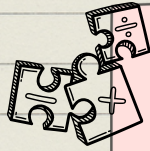
Fun at the swimming pool!



Investigating tooth decay!

Some of our current topics:

- Forces
- God the Father
- Installation Art
- Loops and Remixes
- Viking Warrior Gym



Maths:
Fractions
and decimals

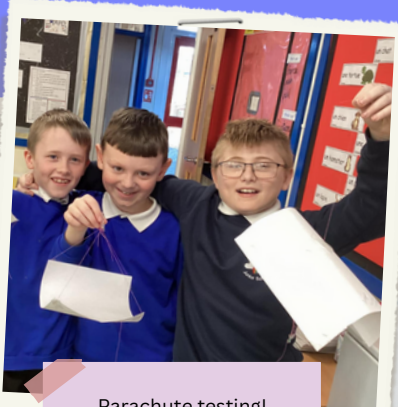
"I've been getting better at multiplying fractions!"
Taylor

English:
Diary entries and other recounts

YEAR 5



What we're reading...



Parachute testing!

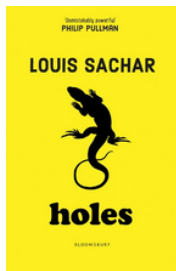


Looping beats and rhythms!



That new book feeling!

YEAR 6



What we're reading...

Some of our current topics:

- Le Weekend
- WW2
- Light
- The Environment
- Photo montages



Maths:
Area and Perimeter

English:
Non-linear narratives

"History has been my favourite lesson because we learned how WW2 started!"
Lewis



WW2 dance hall!



Designing and making periscopes!



New art for our classrooms!

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

Our extra-curricular events in January

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Just like every half-term, there is a wide range of clubs for children to choose from! In January/February, pupils have been participating in:

- Basketball
- Circus skills
- Choir
- British Sign Language
- Football
- Tutoring (Y4)

Keep your eyes peeled for details of future options in the regular school newsletters!

Y6 Maths Club

This runs every Tuesday and is open to all of Y6! Sessions consist of fun maths games and competitions (and, most importantly, snacks).

Any pupils wishing to join up can do so at any time! Speak to one of the teachers for a form.



Getting (left) hooked on fitness!

BOX2BFIT

All of our classes took part in 'Box2bFit' sessions last month. Just like the popular 'Skip2bFit' workshops earlier this year, instructor Dave led the pupils through a range of fun yet challenging exercises that you can do to keep fit and active!

We also welcomed in parents and carers for a family session at the end of the day. Thank you to all who attended and took part! Look out for details of upcoming parent/carer sessions in school next half-term.

SOUTH MOOR LIBRARY VISITS

Our classes have a number visits to the library throughout the school year. One of our Y3 classes was lucky enough to enjoy a craft session linked to the book they were reading! They brought back their brilliant bookmarks to use in school.

The library is a fantastic local resource and always a popular venue with our children! If you haven't already, why not sign up as a member? Opening hours include Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings!



Some monsters are pretty crafty!