

Looking At Learning

Reception have been learning about an interesting creature in their classroom this week!



The children have been investigating their African land snail, and using their senses to describe and draw it using a range of materials.



By Esha



By Ruby

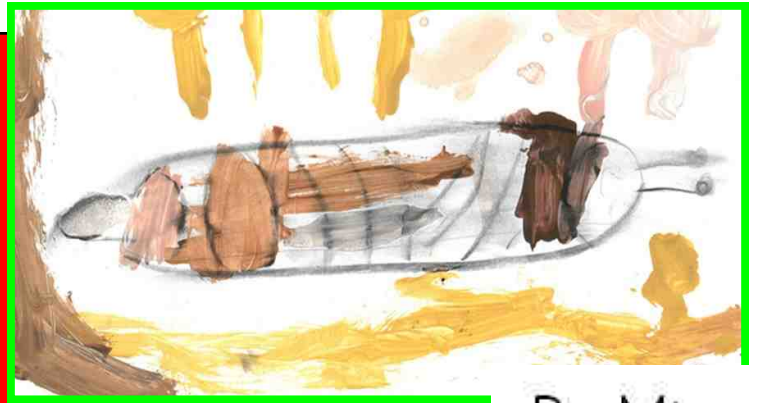


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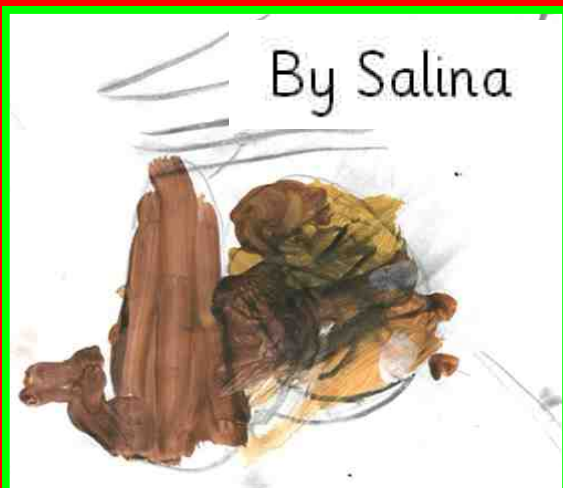
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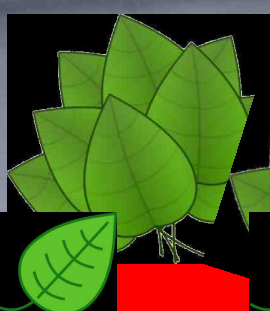
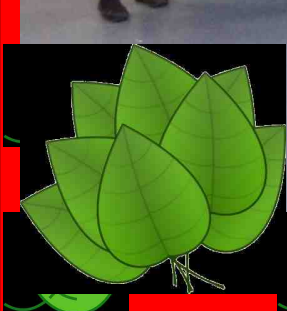
By Destiny

Save the rainforests!

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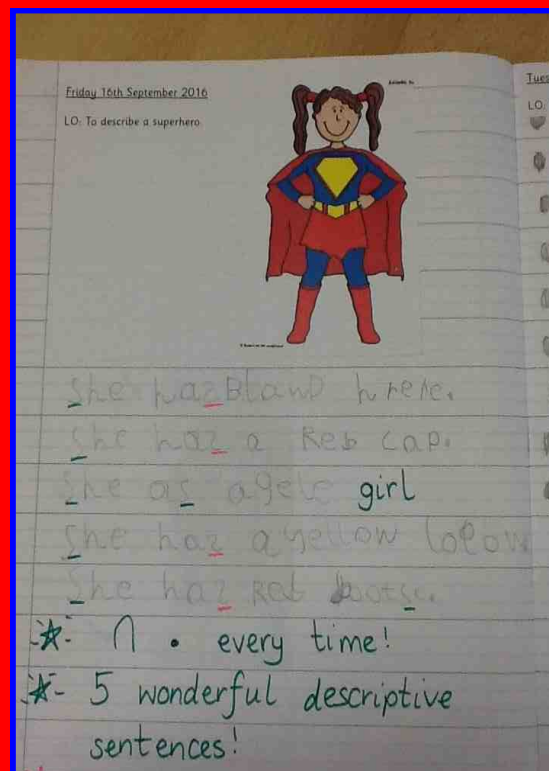
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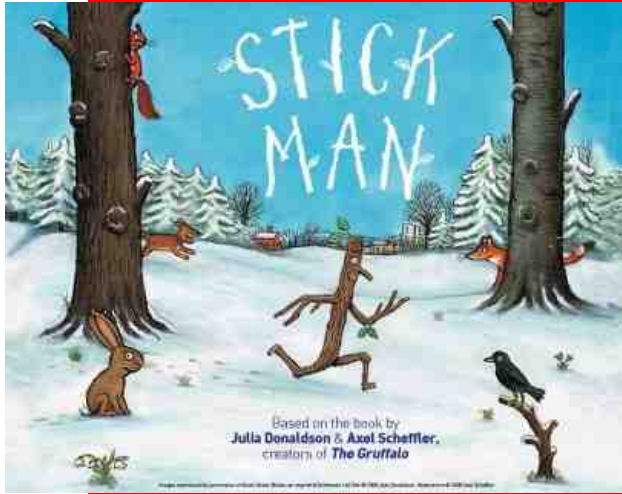
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SUPER HEROES!







On Thursday, 24th November, our Reception, Year One and Year 2 pupils will be visiting Warwick Arts Centre to see a performance of "Stick Man."

When pirates ransack Grandma Hawkin's inn, her fearless grand-daughter Jim unearths a treasure map and knows she must follow it to uncover its fortune. Treasure Island is a thrilling, swash-buckling voyage that will transport you to a far-away, tropical island.



On Thursday 15th December, Year Three - Year Six will visit The Birmingham Repertory Theatre to watch a production of "Treasure Island."

Parents and carers please note:

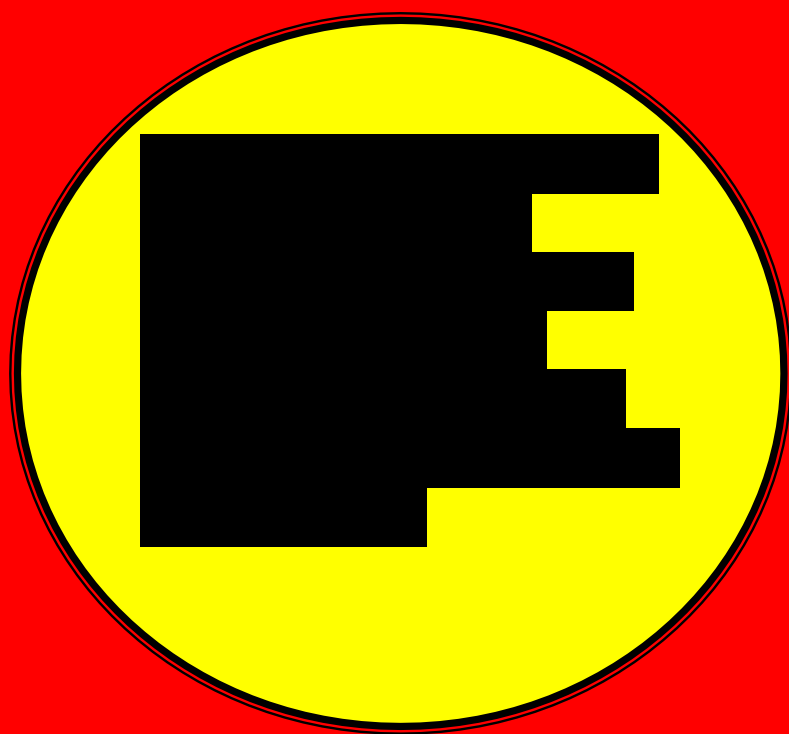
Both performances cost £15.

Please log on to your Parent Pay account to make a payment and give consent for your child to attend the trip.

Both performances are in the afternoon.

Children in Reception—Year 2 will be having lunch as normal at school, but will be eating slightly earlier to allow time to get to the theatre. The coach will return to school by 3.20pm, but we will let you know by text if this is later due to traffic on the day.

Children in Year Three—Year Six will need a packed lunch. If your child is entitled to a free school meal, a school packed lunch will be provided for them.



PTA News



Our lovely PTA are holding a jumble sale on **Saturday 15th October** from **10.00 to 12pm**. If you have any clean and undamaged donations, they would be gratefully received. Good quality toys, clothing, books and bric-a-brac are all needed. Entrance to the jumble sale is 50p, and volunteers to support at the sale are always appreciated!

Please bring your donations to the school office.



PTA AGM meeting

This year's PTA Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th October at 5.15pm. Everyone is welcome!

PTA Facebook page

Please be aware that our PTA have a Facebook page where you can access information about upcoming events.

You can join here:

www.facebook.com/groups/sydenhampta



Staff meetings

We hold weekly staff meetings on Wednesday afternoons. These meetings are an opportunity for colleagues from both Sydenham Primary School and Lighthorne Heath primary School to meet and take part in training sessions. Staff meetings begin at 3.30pm, so please be aware that teachers will not always be able to speak with you about any issues at length on a Wednesday, but are always happy to meet with you on another day!

MUFTI DAY is coming on Friday 30th September!

Every last Friday in each month, pupils are allowed to wear their own clothes to school. *A donation of 50p per child must be made.* This money goes into School Fund to purchase resources to support learning in school.



Parents are reminded that sensible and safe clothing must be worn—no crop tops or high heels, please! Remember to dress for the weather. Wrap up warm if it's chilly and bring a coat for playtimes.



School Photographs

Brush up your smiles because the school photographer is visiting to take individual portraits of each child on **Wednesday 28th September 2016.**



Class assembly

Mrs Hawes' assembly is on:

Tuesday 27th September 2016

Parents and carers are very welcome!

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2016 Diary Dates

Diary dates do sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. If any date changes, we will always notify you via text or letter. However, the following dates are correct at the point of going to press!!

Tuesday 27 th September 2016	Y4 AH class assembly – all Y4 AH parents/carers welcome at 9.15.
Wednesday 28 th September 2016	Buddhist monk visiting Y5.
Wednesday 28 th September 2016	School photographs – individual portraits.
Friday 30 th September 2016	MUFTI day (non-school uniform) – bring 50p.
Tuesday 4 th October 2016	Y4 KJ class assembly – all Y4 KJ parents/carers welcome at 9.15.
Wednesday 5 th October 2016	Open morning for prospective parents at 10:00 am.
Thursday 6 th October 2016	Y1 Share-a-Book from 2:45 – 3:15pm. All Y1 parents and carers welcome.
Friday 7 th October 2016	Y2 Share-a-Book from 2:45 – 3:15pm. All Y2 parents and carers welcome.
Friday 7 th October 2016	Jay Pannu (Police Community Support Officer) visiting YR.
Tuesday 11 th October 2016	Year 5 class assembly – all Y5 parents/carers are welcome at 9.15.
Tuesday 11 th October 2016	Language of the Month Day: celebration of Hindi language and culture.
Wednesday 12 th October 2016	Language of the Month assembly – all parents/carers are welcome at 9.15am.
Thursday 13 th October 2016	Y2 class assembly – all Y2 parents/carers are welcome at 9.15am.
Thursday 13 th October 2016	Jay Pannu (Police Community Support Officer) visiting Y1 MB.
Friday 14 th October 2016	Jay Pannu (Police Community Support Officer) visiting Y1 JL.
Monday 17 th October 2016	Wriggle Dance Company visiting Y1.
Tuesday 18 th October 2016	Y1 visit to Batsford Arboretum.
Wednesday 19 th October 2016	Parent/Carer learning Review Meetings with teachers, 3:30 – 5:30pm.
Thursday 20 th October 2016	Y1 harvest assembly – all Y1 parents/carers are welcome at 9.15am.
Thursday 20 th October 2016	Parent/Carer learning Review Meetings with teachers, 3:30 – 7:00pm.
Friday 21 st October 2016	Break up for half-term holiday.
Monday 31 st October 2016	INSET Day (school closed for staff training.)
Tuesday 1 st November 2016	Children return to school.
Thursday 3 rd November 2016	Open afternoon for prospective parents at 1:45pm.
Thursday 3 rd November 2016	Y5 visit to The Space Centre, Leicester.

Tuesday 8 th November 2016	Y3 CB class assembly – all Y3 CB parents/carers are welcome at 9.15.
Thursday 24 th November 2016	YR, Y1 and Y2 visit to Warwick Arts Centre to watch a performance of "The Stick Man."
Friday 25 th November 2016	MUFTI Day (non-school uniform – bring 50p.
Tuesday 29 th November 2016	Y5 class assembly – all Y5 parents/carers are welcome at 9.15.
Wednesday 30 th November 2016	Y6 residential visit to to Marle Hall.
Thursday 1 st December 2016	Scholastic book fair in school.
Thursday 1 st November 2016	Book fair in school.
Friday 2 nd November 2016	Book fair in school.
Friday 2 nd November 2016	Y6 return from Marle Hall.
Monday 5 th December 2016	Y3 JM, last swimming lesson.
Monday 5 th December 2016	Book fair in school.
Tuesday 6 th December 2016	Y3 CB, last swimming lesson.
Tuesday 6 th December 2016	Book fair in school.
Wednesday 7 th December 2016	YR perform "It's A Baby!" – all YR parent/carers welcome at 9.30am.
Wednesday 7 th December 2016	Y1 perform "Angel Express" – all Y1 parent/carers welcome at 2.15pm.
Friday 9 th December 2016	Recorder and choir performance to parents and carers at 9.15am.
Wednesday 14 th December 2016	Y2 perform "Christmas With Aliens" – all Y2 parents/carers are welcome at 9.30am.
Wednesday 14 th December 2016.	Class Christmas parties, PM.
Thursday 15 th December 2016	Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 visit The Birmingham Repertory Theatre to watch a performance of "Treasure Island."
Thursday 15 th December 2016	Break up for the Christmas holiday.

Please note that school is closed on Friday 16th December for staff training.

Coffee morning

Reception parents and carers are invited to attend a coffee morning on **Tuesday 27th September** - Please come to the school office.

Badgers - 9.30am

Owls - 10am

Squirrels - 10.30am

If you can't make your time slot, you are very welcome to come to another!





Read At Home and Earn Your Book Worm Badge!



At Sydenham Primary School, we love books! We believe that reading is fun and know that children who read frequently make good progress with their learning. As a parent, you play an important role in helping your child to become a fluent reader, a lover of books and a successful student.

To encourage pupils to read at home as much as possible, **we award bronze, silver and gold bookworm badges every term.** To earn a badge:

- Your child must read at least four times a week with a grown-up for a whole term.
- Every time an adult reads with your child at home, their reading diary must be signed and dated.
- Either your child can read to an adult OR a grown-up can read to your child – even a bed time story will count towards your badge!
- Badges will be awarded at the end of each term.



You can start working towards your badge from next week. Have fun sharing lots of lovely books with your child!



Sydenham Super Stars!



Photo of the Week...

Here are 4KJ having a fabulous, if wet, time at Foundry Wood on Monday! They absolutely loved finding out about different habitats.

Have a fabulous weekend. See you all next week!

Best wishes

From Miss Glenny and Miss Challand
(Associate Head Teachers)