



Year 1 goes interstellar!

This week, Year 1 blasted off into an exciting day of space exploration! They began their mission with an amazing planetarium show, where children travelled through the solar system and learned all about the planets, stars and wonders of Space. Sydenham has never seen so many astronauts packed into one classroom-it was like NASA HQ!



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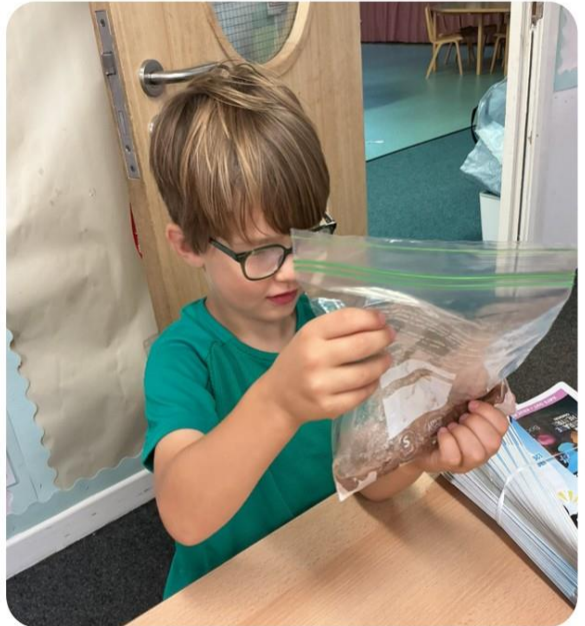
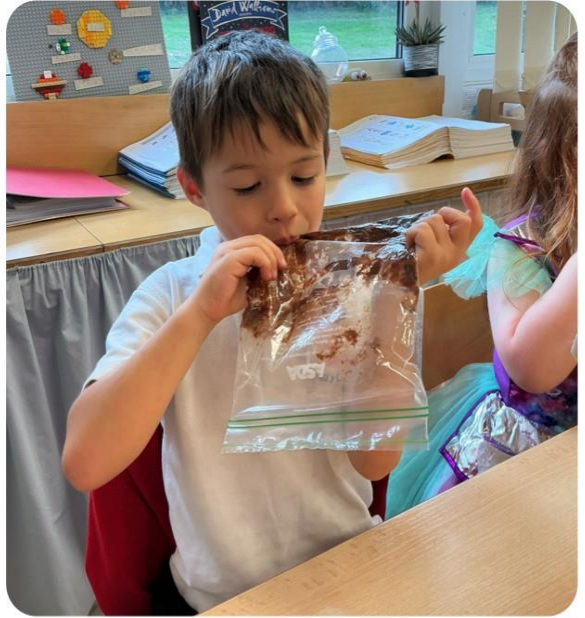
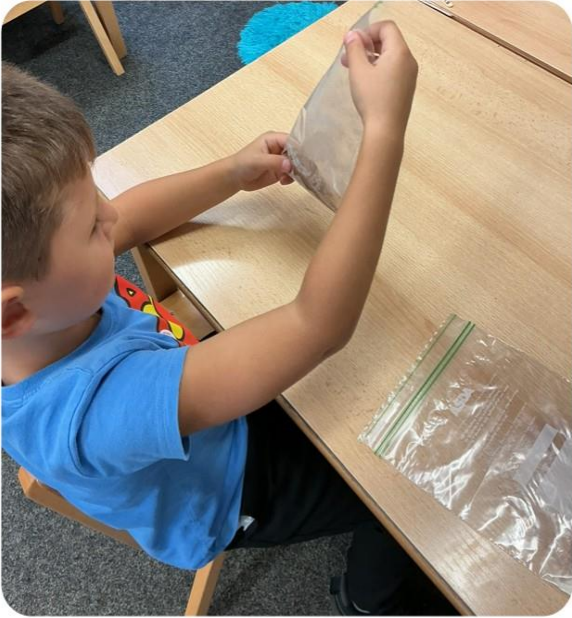
We discovered how and why astronauts move differently on the Moon, exploring how weaker gravity affects their movements, and collected our own 'space rock' samples. We learned about the solar system and visited the planetarium, bringing the wonders of space to life. These practical experiences supported the Key Stage 1 science curriculum by encouraging children to ask questions, observe closely, carry out simple tests and talk about their discoveries.



Next came some intense astronaut training! Our budding astronauts designed and made their very own space helmets, complete with buttons, oxygen supplies and communication equipment. They were certainly ready for lift-off!



After all that training, the children needed some astronaut fuel. We made our own space food and, of course, had great fun eating it too!



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Blast off!



Children then became rocket scientists for the afternoon, creating their own rocket fuel (by mixing fuel and oxidiser) before heading outside to launch our rockets high into the sky!



Dance in the Dark



‘That was great!’ Axel exclaimed when we left the giant tent that was the setting for Sonrisa Arts’ ‘Dance in the Dark’ show. We all agreed with Axel’s review and had a wonderful time at the Spa Centre with our Year 1 and Reception classes. Ms Knight loved it so much she went three times! Thank you to Sonrisa Arts for including Sydenham in such a special opportunity! We can’t wait for our next dance workshop with them next week!

European Day of Languages

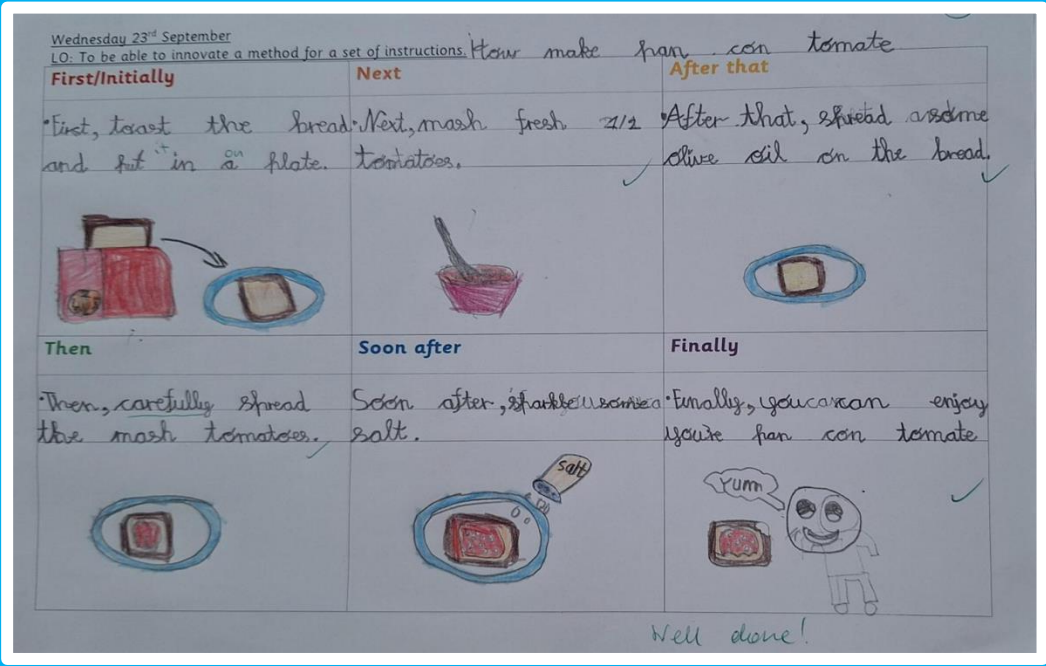


This week's assemblies have focused on European Day of Languages. The aim of the celebrations is as such: Children explore the target language country and celebrate/ compare home cultures and the culture of the target language country/countries.

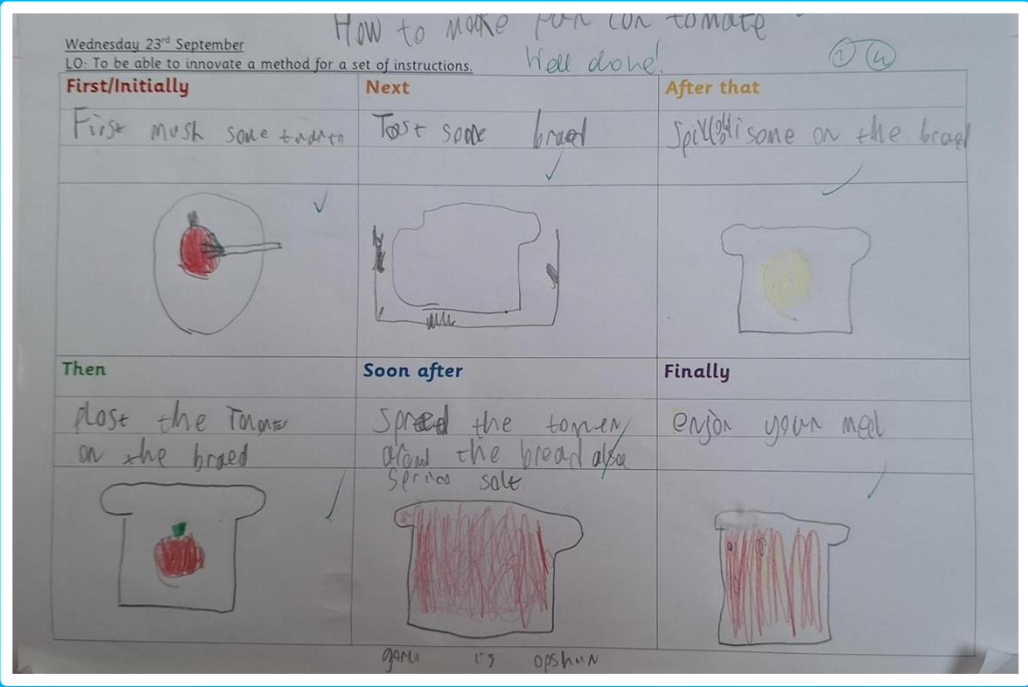
On Tuesday, some of our bilingual children shared their languages in the KS2 assembly. Languages shared included Romanian, Turkish, French and Bulgarian. We learnt that there are over 200 European languages, and that children all over Europe will be celebrating like us!

On Thursday, the whole school learnt songs in different languages in singing assembly. The children learnt Chocolate Molinillo, Alouette, and the official song for European Day of Languages 2026.

Pan con Tomate



As part of the festivities for the European Day of Languages, Year 3 made some delicious ‘pan con tomate’ and wrote up their instructions afterwards. Ms Knight feels ready to go home and make some this weekend – thank you children!



Herons Class

Stone Age Caves

Year 3 created some fantastic Stone Age caves as part of their Topic home learning this week! Well done children, we are so impressed with your creativity.

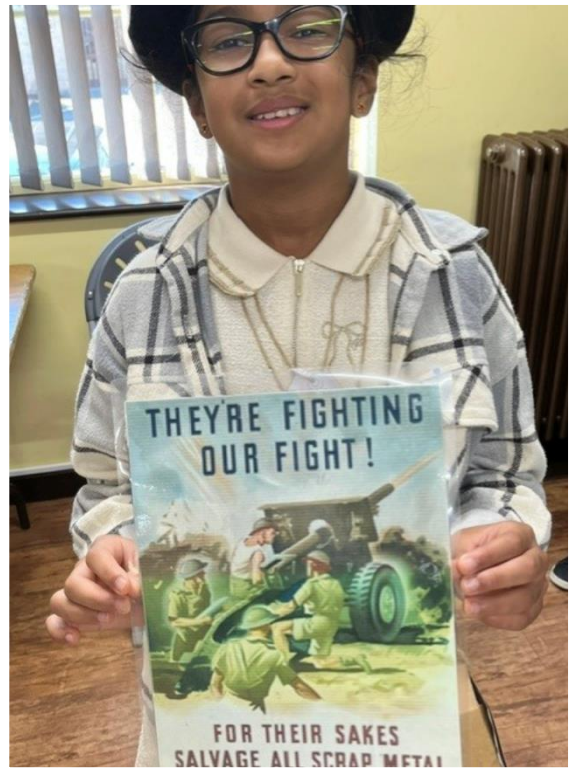


Young Voices



Look at the joy on these singers' faces! Young Voices rehearsals are in full swing in Mrs Keys' class! Children in year 5 and 6 who have signed up are having lots of fun rehearsing fantastic songs and dance moves ready for a huge arena concert in January. It is an incredible experience they will never forget. Places are limited but some are available so if your year 5 or 6 child would like to join us please sign up on ParentPay or see Mrs Keys.

A trip back in time....





Year 6 had a fantastic day out in Winchcombe, stepping back in time to learn more about the experiences of evacuees during the Second World War. The children explored what life was like for young people who were evacuated from cities and sent to live in the countryside, discovering some of the challenges and experiences they may have faced.

Diary dates

Tuesday 29 th September	Y6 Swans class assembly at 9.05-parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 29 th September	Y2 trip to Cotswold Farm Park
Thursday 1 st October	Y1 Harvest assembly-Y1 parents are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 5 th October	School closed for INSET (staff training)
Tuesday 6 th October	Y6 Moorhens class assembly at 9.05-parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 6 th October	YR trip to Leamington Spa Library and Art Gallery
Tuesday 6 th October	Y3 trip to Cadbury World
Thursday 8 th October	Tour of school for Reception families 2027/2028
Tuesday 13 th October	Height and weight checks for YR and Y6 Y6 Health Needs assessment
Tuesday 13 th October	Y1 Puffins class assembly at 10.15 am. Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 20 th October	Y1 Puffins class assembly at 10.15 am. Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' evening from 3.30-7.00pm
Thursday 22 nd October	Parents' evening from 3.30-7.00pm
Friday 23 rd October	MUFTI (non-uniform) day-please make a donation to School Fund via Parent Pay if your child chooses to wear their own choice of clothes.
School closed for half-term holiday from Monday 26 th October-Friday 30 th October. Pupils return to school on Monday 2 nd November	
Tuesday 3 rd November	Y5 Woodpeckers class assembly at 9.05 am. Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 12 th November	Y6 Remembrance assembly at 9.05 am. Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 17 th November	Y5 Kittiwakes class assembly at 9.05 am. Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.

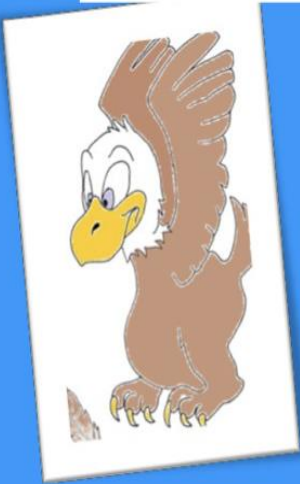
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Monday 23rd November	St Mary's Church leading whole school assembly.
Friday 27 th November	MUFTI (non-uniform) day-please make a donation to School Fund via Parent Pay if your child chooses to wear their own choice of clothes.
Tuesday 1 st December	Y3/4/5/6 visit to The Belgrade Theatre to watch a performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'.
Wednesday 2 nd December	YR/1/2 visit to Warwick Arts Centre to watch a performance of 'The Gruffalo's Child'.
Thursday 3 rd December	Y1 Christmas performance at 9.30am. Parents/carers of pupils in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 7 th December	School closed for INSET (staff training)
Tuesday 8 th December	Y3 Christmas concert at 9.30am. Parents/carers of pupils in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 8 th December	Y4 Christmas concert at 2.15pm. Parents/carers of pupils in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Wednesday 9 th December	Y5 Christmas concert at 9.30am. Parents/carers of pupils in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Thursday 10 th December	Y6 Christmas concert at 2.15pm. Parents/carers of pupils in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 14th December	Y2 Christmas concert at 9.30am. Parents/carers of pupils in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 15 th December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 16 th December	Reception Nativity and refreshments at 9.30am. Parents/carers of pupils in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 18 th December	MUFTI (non-uniform) day-come to school in a Christmas jumper or festive outfit. Please make a donation to School Fund via Parent Pay if your child chooses to wear their own choice of clothes.
School closed for the Christmas holiday from Monday 21 st December-Friday 1 st January. School closed for INSET (staff training) on Monday 4th January, 2027. Children return to school on Tuesday 5 th January 2027. Please note that school will also be closed on Monday June 7 th 2027 for INSET (staff training)	

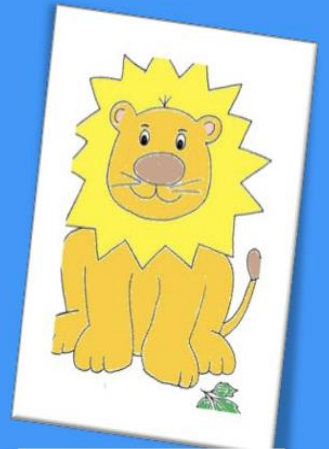
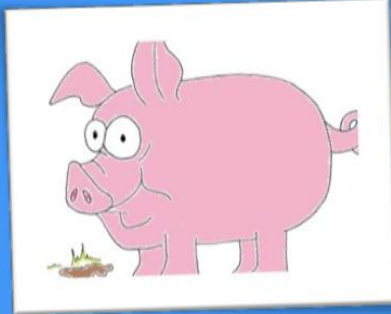
Learning Characters

These are the characters we use at school to help us develop a positive attitude to our learning and **GROW** our brains!

Concentrate.



Have a go.



Cooperate.

Be curious.

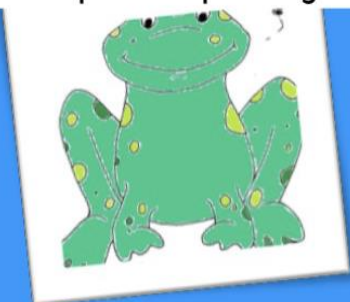


Never give up.

In class this week we have been thinking about having a positive attitude to learning so that we can keep on trying even if things are hard.

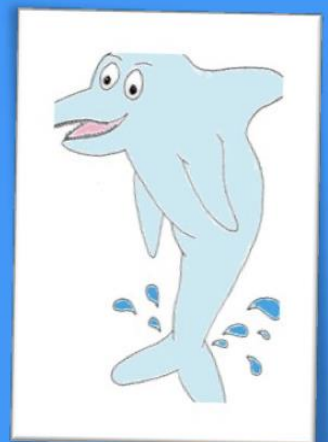
When we think like our characters, we become learning superheroes!

Keep on improving.



Use your imagination.

Enjoy learning.





Our Sydenham Superstars

