



Sydenham Primary School Newsletter



What a fantastic day Year 2 had at Cotswold Farm Park! There were smiles, excitement and plenty of WOW moments as the children enjoyed a day packed full of hands-on experiences and opportunities to bring their Science learning to life.

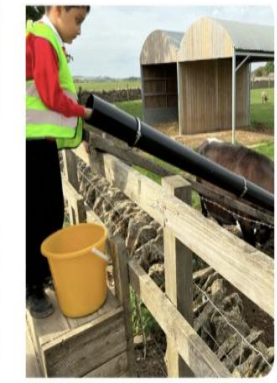


Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 29: Goals of Education



A real highlight was getting up close to some of the animals. The children had the wonderful opportunity to hold chicks and bunnies, feed the goats and meet a variety of farm animals. They learned more about animals and their young, discovered which different animals lay eggs, and put their knowledge to the test through a fun sorting activity.



Throughout the day, the children were encouraged to ask questions, listen carefully and use new vocabulary to talk about what they could see and experience. It was wonderful to hear about their curiosity, enthusiasm and fantastic behaviour throughout the visit.

Dance in the Dark

Our Year 1 and Reception children were treated to another dance and music workshop with Sonrisa Arts. They loved seeing Kath and Ant again and engaged with the process fully and with great joy!

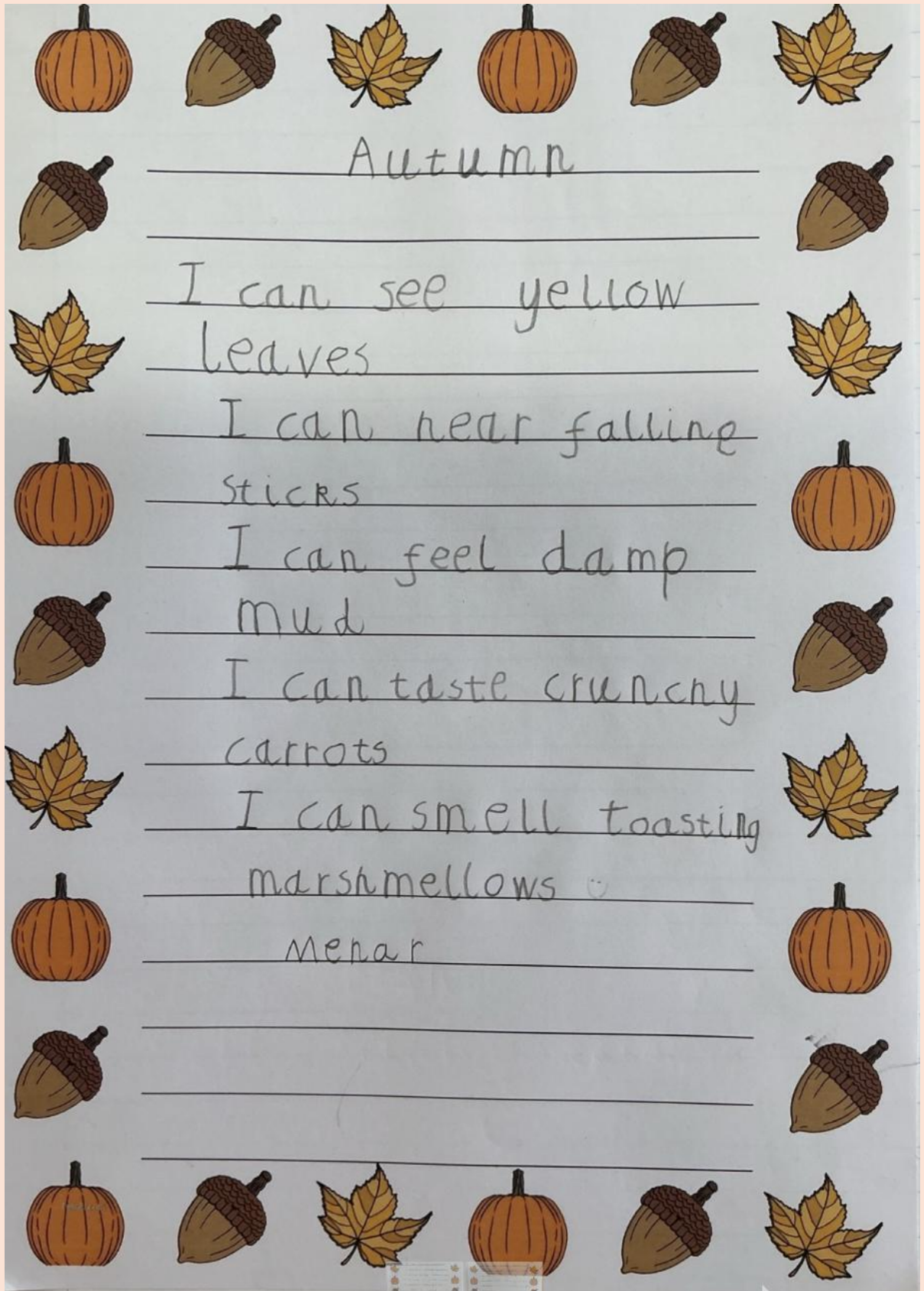


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Autumn leaves

As part of our Poetry Day celebrations on Thursday, Year 1 composed these evocative Autumnal poems!



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Autumn



I can see brown trees



I can hear crunchy leaves

I can feel wet mud



I can taste crunchy carrots



I can smell stinky fox poo.



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Autumn



I can see crunchy leaves



I can hear whistling birds

I can feel bumpy bark



I can taste juicy fruit



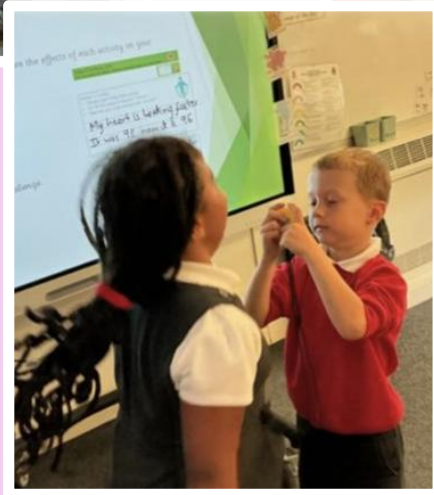
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Arthur cheung



Year 2 workout



Year 2 have been learning about the effects of exercise on their bodies. They used pulse monitors to measure their heartbeats before and after they exercised. The children noticed that their heartbeats got faster when they exercised and learned that this was because their heart needed to pump more oxygen around their bodies!

The Great Sydenham Bake Off

Our EAL teacher Mrs Summerell and Harry, our Nurture group practitioner have been baking with Rainbows group. The children have been weighing out ingredients for each other and once finished were asked to teach another friend in the group how to make the banana bread.





Shriansh then wrote down the instructions on a whiteboard. Miss Knight was delighted when Yuvan brought her a freshly baked piece of the bread that they had made and enjoyed it with her afternoon coffee! ❤️



Let's get Fruity!

Year 3 have been learning our Nutrition in their Science lessons. As part of this, they created a delicious, healthy snack. They made rainbow fruit kebabs using strawberries, satsumas, bananas, grapes and blueberries.



The children practiced some of their food preparation techniques to prepare the food by chopping and peeling the fruits, before writing up their instructions so that other children could make them too!

Herons wonder...

On Thursday 1st October, it was National Poetry Day . The theme this year was 'wonder'. Year 3 Herons wrote this moving poem together as a class.

Herons Wonder

Wonder is all the living things
Wonder is everybody's responsibility
Wonder is our planet
And playing football with your friends

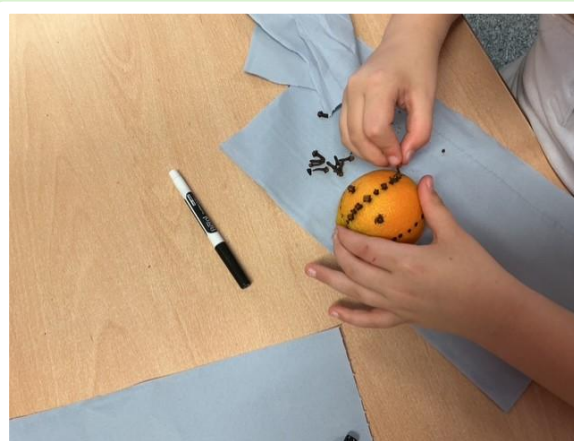
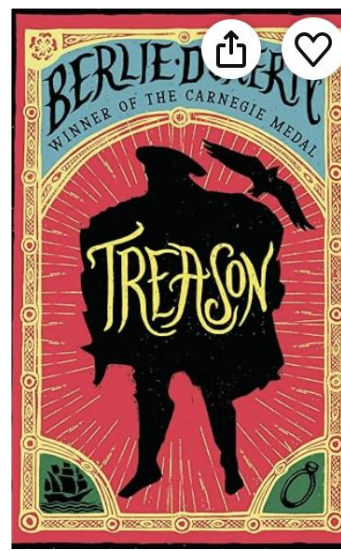
Wonder is your own world
Wonder is around you
Wonder is discovering the universe
And tiny things in our home

Wonder is kindness
Wonder is excitement
Wonder is the start of time
Happiness, fun and joy.

Wonder is playing games
Wonder is my mum's hugs
Wonder is day dreaming
And sleeping soundly.

Stinky Tudors!

This week, Year 5 have continued reading our guided reading book, *Treason*, which explores life during the Tudor period. We discovered that people in Westminster Palace carried spiced pomanders, so we decided to make our own!



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Pomanders were often filled with fragrant spices and carried to help mask unpleasant smells, as Tudor streets and buildings could be rather smelly. They were also believed to help protect people from disease. Some of us experimented with regal designs, carefully planning our patterns by using whiteboard pens to mark out our dots before adding the cloves. This helped us to create neat, decorative patterns fit for Tudor royalty! Our pomanders not only looked fantastic but smelled wonderful too.

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European Day of Languages



As part of the European Day of Languages celebration, Year 6 made posters to advertise the day.



Buddying up



Year 6 met their Reception buddies for the first time today. We think it will be the beginning of some beautiful friendships! Buddies will meet every Friday afternoon to share stories together.



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
Thursday 12 th October	Maths workshop for Reception families @ 2.15-3.20pm
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.
Thursday 15 th October	Phonics workshop for Reception families @ 2.15-3.20pm
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.
Wednesday 4 th November	Reception Diwali party from 2.15-3.20pm. Parents/carers are warmly invited!
Friday 6 th November	Diwali Day for the whole school. All children may come to school in traditional dress or brightly coloured clothes.

Diary dates

Tuesday 17 th November	Y5 Kittiwakes class assembly at 9.05 am. Parents/carers of pupils in this class are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 23 rd 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.
Monday 30 th November	Bedtime stories for Reception families and children @ 4.45-5.15
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.
Tuesday 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.
Friday 11 th December	Y6 Christmas concert at 2.15pm. Parents/carers of pupils in this year group are warmly invited to attend.
Monday 14 th 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.

Diary dates

School closed for the Christmas holiday from Monday 21st December-Friday 1st January.

School closed for INSET (staff training) on Monday 4th January, 2027.

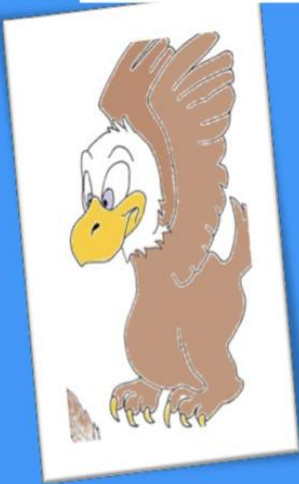
Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2027.

Please note that school will also be closed on Monday June 7th 2027 for INSET (staff training)

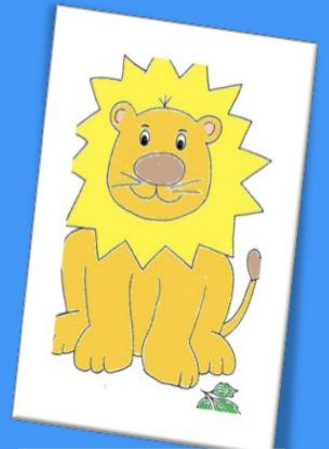
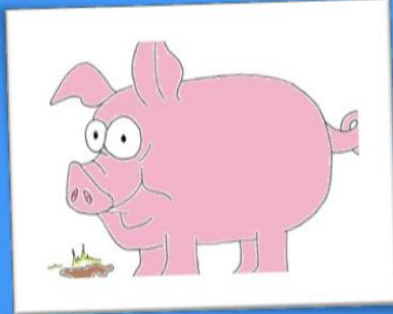
Learning Characters

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.

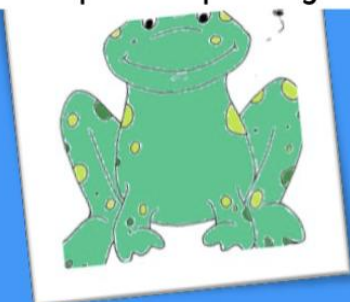


Never give up.

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.

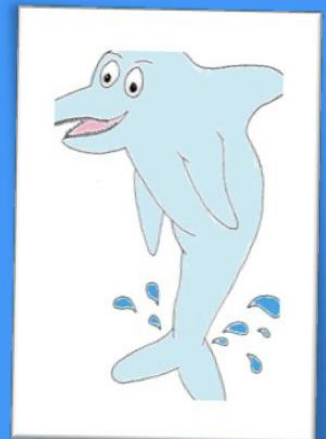
When we think like our characters, we become learning superheroes!

Keep on improving.



Use your imagination.

Enjoy learning.





Our Sydenham Superstars



Warwickshire Early Support Feedback



Have you received Early Support through your child's school or nursery, a health service, community organisation, or another professional working with your family in Warwickshire?

We would like to hear about your experience. Your feedback will help us understand what is working well and how we can improve support for families.

Share your thoughts:



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