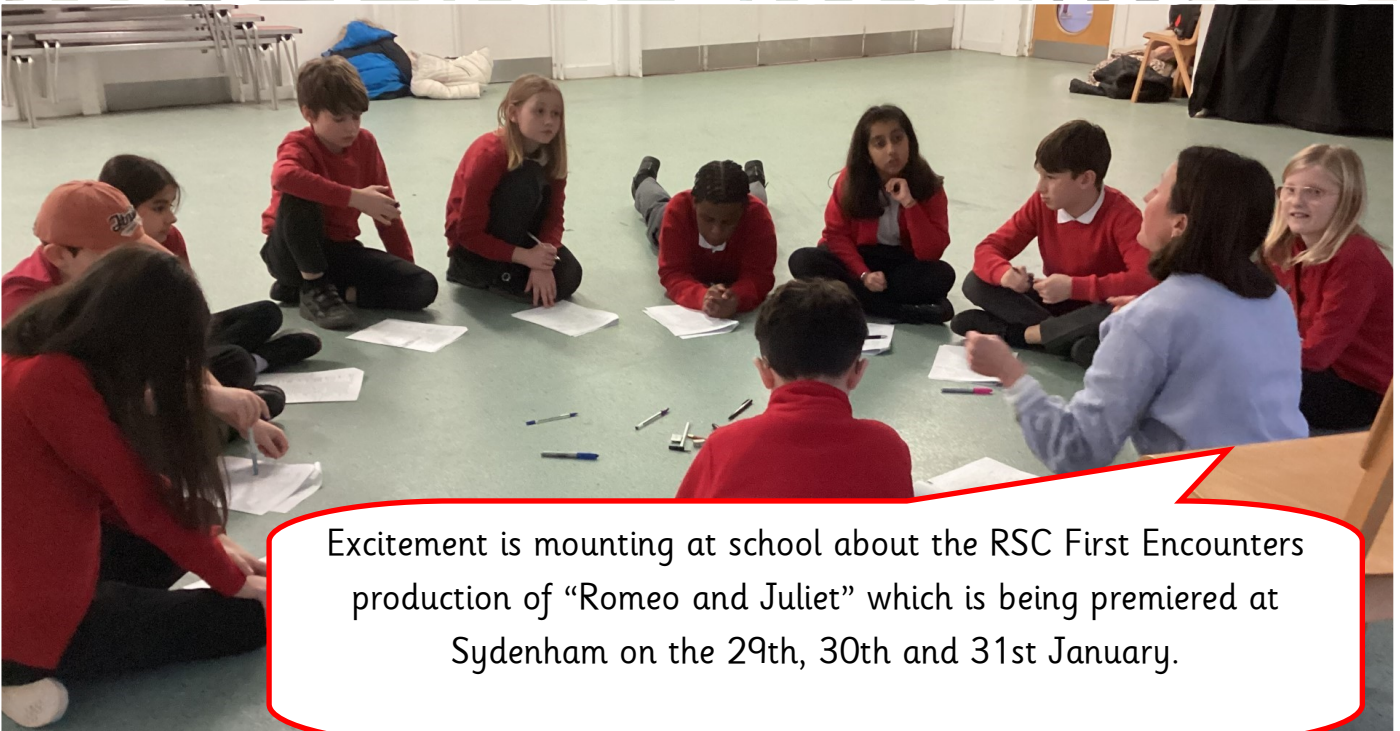


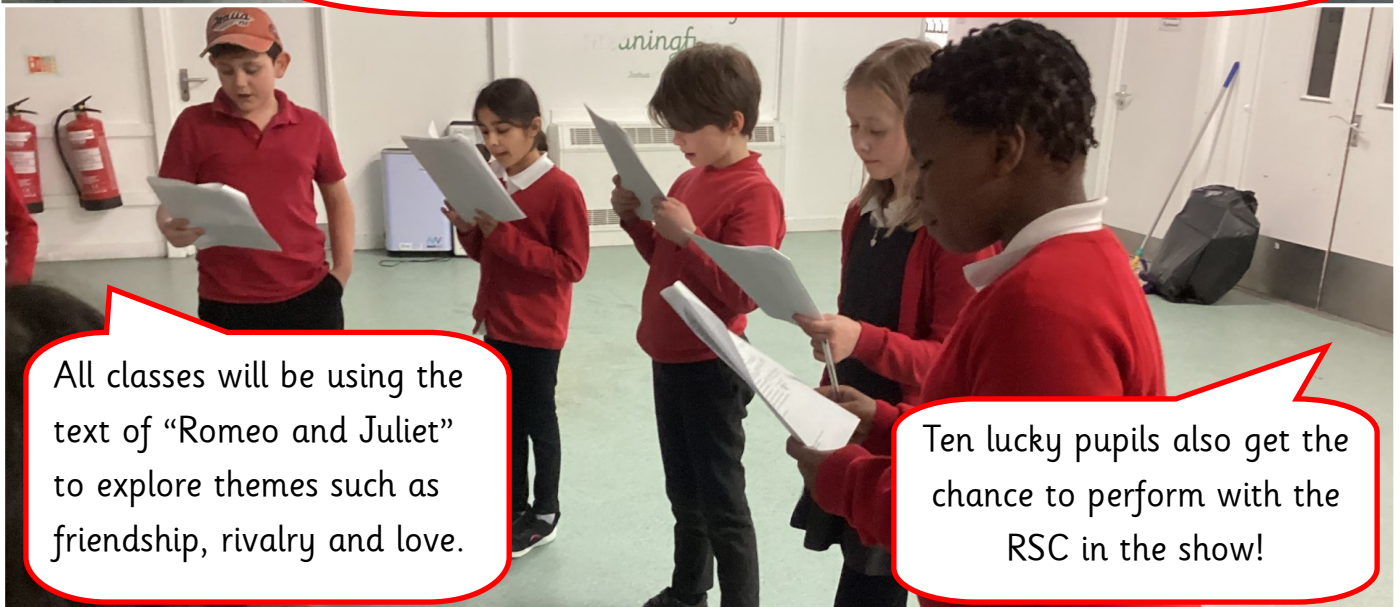




RSC First Encounters



Excitement is mounting at school about the RSC First Encounters production of "Romeo and Juliet" which is being premiered at Sydenham on the 29th, 30th and 31st January.



All classes will be using the text of "Romeo and Juliet" to explore themes such as friendship, rivalry and love.

Ten lucky pupils also get the chance to perform with the RSC in the show!

RSC Performance at School

As you may know, Sydenham Primary School works very closely with The Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC.) We are the lead school for their local network and Mrs Keys coordinates lots of exciting activities and opportunities in collaboration with the RSC Associate Schools team.

As part of this partnership, **the RSC will be performing "Romeo and Juliet" at school.** The show is specially adapted to be suitable for children aged 7+ and, after being premiered at Sydenham, it will go on tour nationally as part of the First Encounters project.

All pupils in Years Three to Six will watch the show on either Monday 29th January 2024 or Tuesday 30th January 2024. There will be no charge for this because our Pupil RSC Ambassadors are fundraising to cover the cost.

You are invited to watch a community performance on Tuesday 30th January at 6.30pm in the school hall. Tickets will cost £6.50 and can be purchased using the following link:

<https://RSCatSydenham.eventbrite.co.uk>

There are 150 tickets available on a first come, first served basis. This is a fantastic opportunity to see a professional performance of a classic Shakespeare play and we very much hope that you will come along with other family members and enjoy the show.

Hot Dinners on Performance Dates

Please note that the main hall will be out of action on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st January 2024. All classes other than Reception will eat lunch in their classrooms and hot dinners will be deli bags. More information to come in the new year.

ROMEO + JULIET

THE PERFECT INTRODUCTION TO SHAKESPEARE FOR ANYONE AGED 7 AND UP

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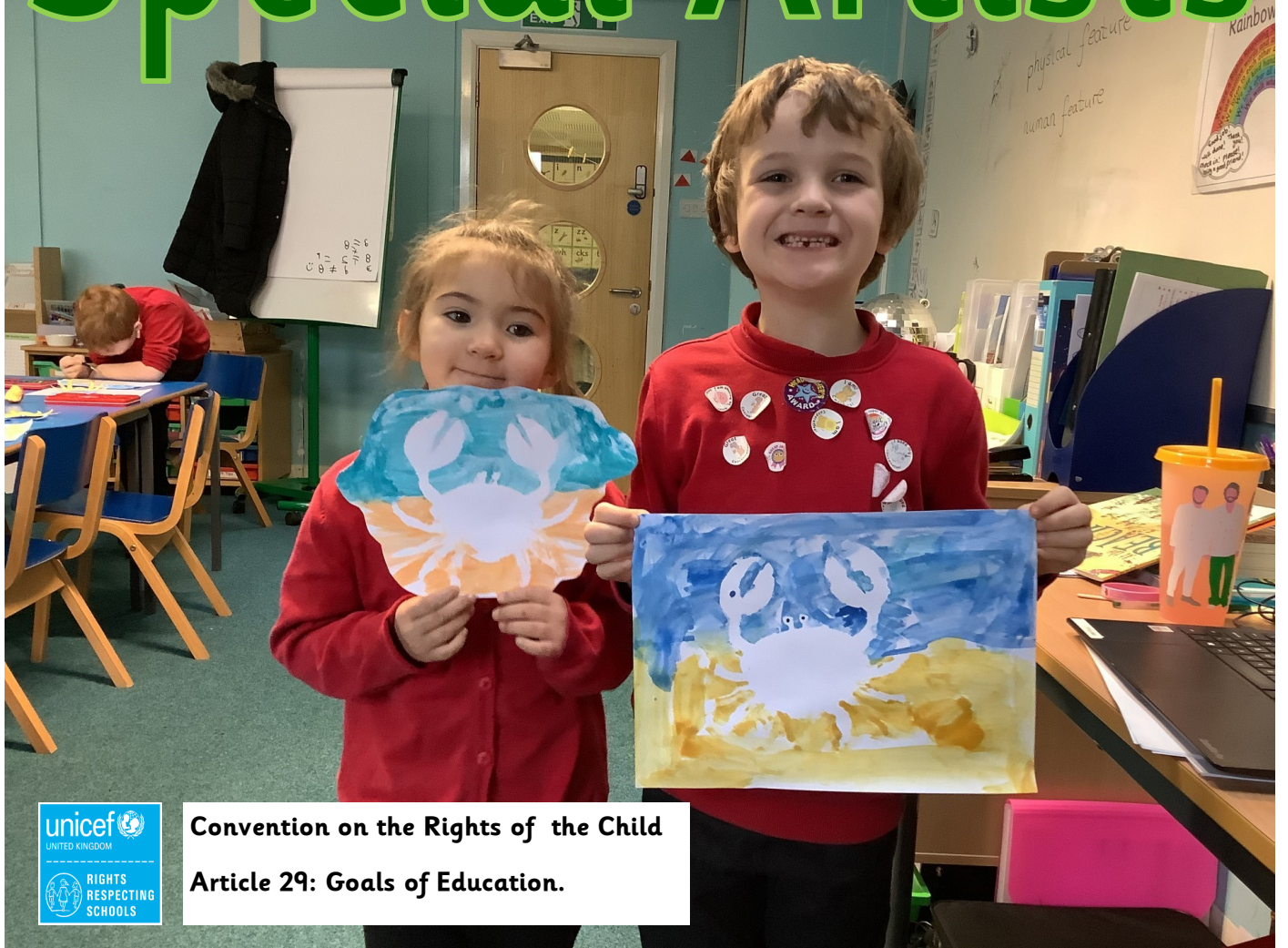
**Community Performance at 6.30pm on
Tuesday 30th January 2024 in the
school hall.**





Here are some of our amazing artists showing off their beach inspired art which was created using a template and watercolour wash.

Special Artists



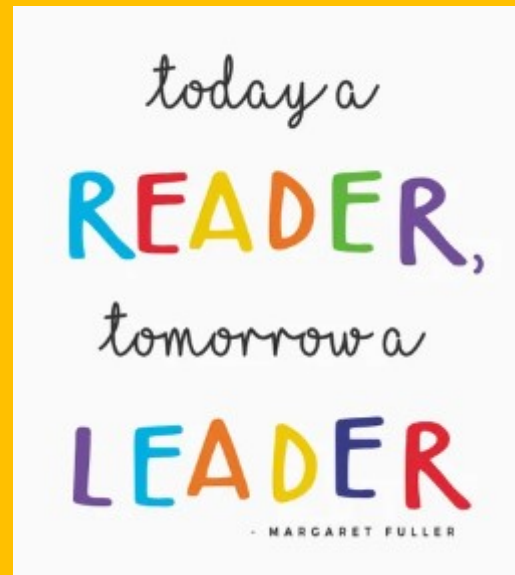
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The Power of Reading

Book Poem

Each book you take
 An adventure you make
 Each word you read
 A world you lead
 To escape the world
 And start anew
 Just read a book
 To be someone true
 Be someone magical
 Pegasus, unicorn, alicorn
 Be someone unusual
 Mermaid, centaur, fairy
 Be someone fierce
 Troll, dragon, wizard.
 Each book you take
 An adventure you make
 Each word you read

Anika created this fantastic poem before Christmas, and I thought it was perfect to save it to share with you to begin a new term of fantastic reading at Sydenham!



Reading Incentives



Reception Reading Rabbits

A reminder that we have lots of different reading incentives to help your child to read at home. We recommend setting a routine and hearing your child read aloud on a daily basis. For children who are confidently reading chapter books independently, we still recommend hearing them read, to ensure that they are also developing their comprehension skills and understanding trickier vocabulary.



Year 1 and Year 2 Poetry Bags



Year 3-Year 6 Reading Scrapbooks

Well done to every child who is carefully looking after their original, gold star sticker reading diary - keep up the good work!



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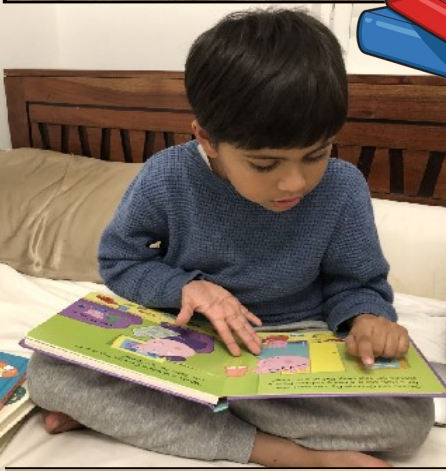
Christmas Reading Challenge

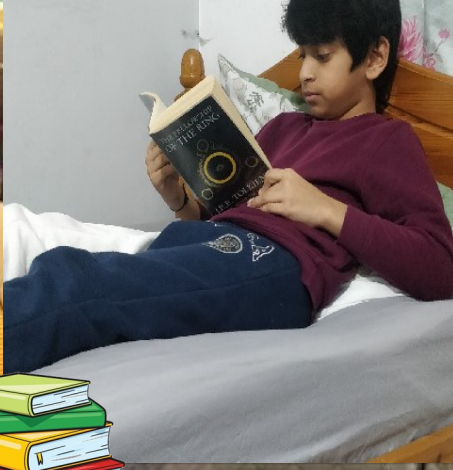
We had an amazing response to the Christmas reading challenge! We hope you enjoy these photos showing pupils enjoying a good book over the two week break!



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What a lot of library mice, ink drinkers and book worms we have in our school! Well done to ALL of the families that took part - it brings us so much joy to see your children lost in books when they are at home!

Please look out for some new reading challenges in the weeks ahead! Miss Challand



RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

INCLUSION/BELONGING

We all wish to belong and feel valuable. It is about honouring and embracing people; regardless of race, gender, disability, medical, or any other need. Being included can help you develop a sense of belonging, acceptance and self-worth. Feeling like you belong motivates you to participate in school, after school clubs, community groups etc, and fosters a deeper connection.

Helping others to feel included, and forming friendships with people who are different from you, can help others feel connected too, boosting their happiness and overall wellbeing. Being the person that makes others feel included can also make you feel happy and raise your self-esteem.

Tips for Inclusion

- Reach out to others. Get to know a new person in your class, or sit next to someone different at lunch.
- Be patient and kind. Listen to others and allow them to express themselves.
- Ask a friend "What makes you unique?". Remember to listen and respect their answer. We are all unique.
- Respect someone for their specific skill set and contribute to shared goals.
- Challenge yourself to learn something new. Read stories about interesting people and role models from different and diverse backgrounds.

#ThanksKids recognises the efforts and kindness of children and young people, and thanks them with personalised #NHSSStars certificates. If you know a child or young person that deserves recognition for going above and beyond, don't wait, nominate!

thankskids@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day By... Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance



ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year... Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Diary Dates

Thursday 18th January	Reception "School in the Dark," 4.30—5.30pm.
Tuesday 23rd January	Y5 SD Woodpeckers class assembly at 9.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 26th January	Y5 Trip to Sulgrave Manor.
Friday 26th January	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring 50p if your child wears their own choice of clothes.
Wednesday 24th January	Young Voices.
Monday 29th January	RSC First Encounters performance of "Romeo and Juliet" for Years 3, 4 and 5.
Tuesday 30th January	RSC First Encounters performance of "Romeo and Juliet" for Year 6.
Wednesday 31st January	RSC First Encounters community performance of "Romeo and Juliet" at 6.30pm.
Wednesday 7th February	Canal and River Trust delivering assemblies to Key Stage One and Two.
Thursday 8th February	Dragon dancing workshops in celebration of Lunar New Year.
Friday 9th February	Break up for half-term holiday.
<p>School is closed for the February half-term holiday from Monday 12th—Friday 16th February.</p> <p>Pupils return to school on Monday 19th February</p>	

Diary Dates

Tuesday 20th February	Y4 SM Wagtails class assembly at 9.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 23rd February	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring 50p if your child wears their own choice of clothes.
Monday 26th February	Y3 Roman day.
Tuesday 27th February	Y4 RK Starlings class assembly at 9.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 5th March	Y3 JL Doves class assembly at 9.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 5th March	YR RK Robins class assembly at 10.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 5th March	Y6 road safety sessions.
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day.
Monday 11th March	Ducklings in school all week.
Tuesday 12th March	Y3 LR Herons class assembly at 9.15am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend.
Friday 15th March	Holi celebration.
Friday 22nd March	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Please bring 50p if your child wears their own choice of clothes.

School is closed for the Easter holiday from Monday 25th March—Friday 5th April

Pupils return to school on Monday 8th April.



Sydenham Superstars



Key Stage Two

Have a great weekend
from Miss Glenny
Associate Headteacher



YR and Key Stage One