

Friendship Colours



"A friend is someone
you can work with and
make things with."
Laila

"A friend is someone
you laugh and play
with." Nivaan

Reception have been making friends
with each other! Pairs of friends
have been exchanging colourful,
painted handshakes as a way of
saying hello.

"Being a friend makes
you happy and being a
friend you can make
more friends." Hunter

"Hunter is my friend
and we play with the
dinosaurs." Archie



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Talk for Writing

This week, Year One have been hard at work learning to re-tell the story of
“Little Red Riding Hood.”



At Sydenham we love stories and believe that reading and writing are a wonderful gift. One of the pedagogies we use to help children develop these core skills is known as “Talk for Writing.” This approach involves children listening to and learning different stories off by heart using actions and a “story map.” This helps pupils to internalise different language structures and patterned story language. Children are then able to start writing their own stories, at first imitating then innovating the story they have learnt. Pupils become gradually more independent in their writing until they are able to invent entertaining and well written stories of their own. This process can also be used for other genres of writing such as reports, recounts, instructions, explanations and persuasion.

We employ this approach to writing in all year groups alongside the use of quality picture books to inspire children’s creativity and desire to write.

To find out more, visit: <https://www.talk4writing.com/about/>

Little Red Riding Hood



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National Poetry Day

What is Pink?

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What is pink? A rose is pink
By the fountain's brink.
What is red? A poppy's red
In its barley bed.
What is blue? The sky is blue
Where the clouds float through.
What is white? A swan is white
Sailing in the light.
What is yellow? Pears are yellow,
Rich and ripe and mellow.
What is green? The grass is green,
With small flowers between.
What is violet? Clouds are violet
In the summer twilight.
What is orange? Why, an orange,
Just an orange!

By Christina Rossetti

Y6 have been enjoying the poem, "What is Pink?" by Christina Rossetti. They wrote their own versions, based on the original.

What is Pink?

What is black?
A shadow is black, following you behind your back.
What is white?
Snow is white, glistening in the moonlight.
What is brown?
Jupiter is brown, king of the planets in his gown.
What is green?
Grass is green, with insects scuttling in between.
What is red?
An apple is red, falling into a leafy bed.
What is brown?
A tree is brown with roots digging, deeper down.
What is orange?
Why, an orange, just and orange!

By Year 6 JvS



National Poetry Day

Year 2 worked on what was seen and unseen in the poem 'Something Comes' by Grace Nichols. First, the children drew and painted watercolours of what could be seen....

Something Comes

Over the mountains,
Like thunder of drums,
Shaking the leaves from trees,
Something comes.

Down through the valleys
With the bellow of bombs,
Alarming the cows and sheep,
Something comes.

Up through the forests,
The frightened air hums,
For tearing it in pieces,
Something comes.

Moving up the driveway
With a noise that numbs,
Crumpling the paving stones
Something COMES!

By Valerie Bloom



Thursday 1st October
2020 LO: to make a drawing
inference
The something might be
a tornado because a
tornado is a very
dangerous, dangerous
The something might
be a army of soldiers
crushing into our
Land. The something
might be a dinosaur
that's 100 km. The
something might be a
Enormous dragon.

Next, the children wrote 'inferences' about what they thought might be the 'something' that is unseen in the poem....

For a performance by the poet herself, please see:
<https://vimeo.com/220214983>



Something Comes

School Information

Applying for a School Place in Reception 2021

The closing date to make your child's primary or infant school application is **15 January 2021**. Late applications will not be processed until after National Offer Day (16 April 2021). To apply for a place, please use this link: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/admissions>

Collecting your Child from School—a Change to our Arrangements

We are aware that some families are finding the staggered finish times at the end of the school day problematic and would like to trial a change to our pick-up arrangements.

From **Monday 5th October**, the staggered finish times will cease. You will be able to collect your child from their classroom door at any time between **3.00pm and 3.20pm**. This will enable parents/carers with more than one child to quickly collect all their children before promptly leaving the school site. Please collect younger children first.

We hope that this new arrangement will ease congestion and make social distancing easier. Please remember to follow the one-way system and avoid allowing your children to play on the playground equipment as it is very important that pupils from different "bubbles" do not mix.

If you have a prior arrangement with school that your child can walk home alone, they must leave school at 3.20pm.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Flu Vaccinations

The provisional date for pupils to receive their flu vaccinations is Monday 30th November. A letter will be sent to you electronically approximately two weeks before this date. The letter contains a link to an online consent form.

The immunisation team will vaccinate one "bubble" at a time, decontaminating their working area in between each bubble and at the end of the session.

MUFTI Days

The following dates are MUFTI (non-uniform) days. Please bring 50p if your child chooses to wear their own clothes.

Friday 23rd October

Friday 27th November

Friday 18th December—Christmas jumper day!

School Information

In-Service Training (INSET) Days

School will be closed for staff continuing professional development on the following dates:

Monday 23rd November 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Book Bags—Key Stage One

It is **vital** that your child remembers to bring their reading book every day. Your child's teacher will be listening to your child read in class and it is essential that they have the correct book in order for them to make progress with their reading.

Please use the book bag you were given when your child started school. Teachers need this bag in order to send home your child's next book and their phonics folder containing important home learning. Please take the time to look at your child's folder and practise the different letter sounds they are learning in class. This extra practice will really benefit your child's reading and writing.

Reading at home with your child is also essential. Please see the next page for some top tips to help you with home reading.

Thank you!

Autumn Term Holidays

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 26th October 2020—Friday 30th October 2020.

Christmas Holiday

Monday 21st December 2020—Friday 1st January 2021

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th January (school closed on 4th January for staff training.)

Home Reading

7 Top Tips to Support Reading at Home

Shared reading is a great way to develop children's language and communication and to boost their reading skills. Regular reading routines can offer lots of opportunities for learning during school closures.

- 1 Concentrate on reading quality (it isn't all about reading lots!)**



Don't worry too much about the 'what' and 'how' of reading each day. Books are great—but leaflets, comics, recipes and instructions on a webpage can all be great too. Following a recipe to make some cupcakes is valuable reading. Be on the lookout for reading, wherever it is!

- 2 Ask your child lots of questions**



All reading matters. Shared reading is about 'reading with', not just 'reading to' (even for older children). So, ask lots of 'Wh' questions, such as 'Who? What? When? Where? Why? Try them when talking about books: for example, 'what do you think Harry is feeling?'

- 3 Ask your child to make predictions about what they have read**



If it is a book, look at the front cover—or the last chapter—and talk about what might happen next. Look for clues in the book and be a reading detective! For example, 'can you see the bear on the front cover? Where do you think he will go?'

- 4 Ask your child to summarise what they have read**



When you've finished reading, talk about what happened. Acting out the things that happened in the story or describing the big idea of a chapter is really fun and maximises learning. For example, 'can you remember all the things that happened on the bear hunt?'

- 5 Ask your child to write about what they have read**



Write, or draw pictures, from anything you've read! Big writing and pictures are even more fun. For example, use an old roll of wallpaper to make a treasure map with clues from the stories you've read together.

- 6 Read and discuss reading with friends or family**



Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'

- 7 Maintain the motivation to read**



Talk about the joy of reading whenever you can. Your child is on an amazing journey to becoming a reader. Put them in the driving seat and have fun on the way! For example, 'choose your favourite story for bedtime tonight.'



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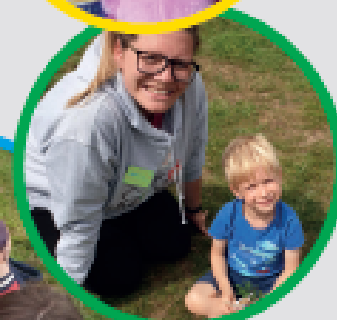
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to do during the school holidays for your child?

OCTOBER HALF TERM VENUES

**Priors Field Primary School, Kenilworth and
Telford Junior School, Leamington Spa**

Telford Junior School is for Year 1 - Year 6, all other venues are Reception - Year 6

Here's what's happening

October Half Term

26th - 30th October 2020

Block bookings for the week, Monday to Wednesday or Thursday and Friday (the week can also be booked).

Arts & Crafts, Dance, Multisports, STEAM (Fun Science Experiments!) and Forest School Activities*.

Early drop off 8am	£4.00	Breakfast included
9am - 3.30pm	£20.95	
9am - 4.30pm	£23.95	Includes a drink and a biscuit at 3.45pm
9am - 5pm	£24.95	Includes a drink and a biscuit at 3.45pm plus a wrap and fruit at teatime.
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Find out more and to book a place at our other venues:

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Priors Field Primary School, Clinton Lane, Kenilworth. CV8 1BA.

Telford Junior School 60 Telford Ave, Leamington Spa CV32 7HP

Whitnash Primary School, Langley Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa. CV31 2EX.

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Sydenham Superstars

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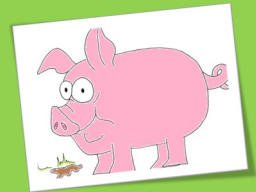
Miruna has been chosen as superstar this week. Mrs Scholes is so impressed with Miruna's attitude to school. She is coming in to class every day with a lovely smile and has persevered even on days that when she missed her mummy. Keep it up, Miruna.

YR HC

The YR HC superstar is **Ananya**. Ananya is such a kind friend who loves to help others. She always notices when somebody is feeling sad or needs help with putting their coat on. Well done, Ananya.

Y1 EL

Mrs Lee has chosen **Avani** as superstar this week. Avani has a positive attitude to all her learning and always has a go, just like our pig Learning Character. She is a super role model to other in the class.



Y1 CD

Miss Daly is so impressed with **Harry** that she would like him to be superstar. Harry has a fantastic attitude to learning in the classroom and just can't stop reading and writing at home too. Harry's mummy has shared some super home learning with Miss Daly. We are all really proud of you, Harry.

Y2 CP

Joshua is the Y2 CP superstar. He has been chosen for his brilliant ideas about the poem, "Something Comes" which he expressed in an amazing watercolour painting. Joshua concentrated really well, and was thoroughly focused on the task.



Y2 RK

Miss Knight would like to choose **Robert** as her superstar for his imaginative poetry writing this week. Well done, Robert, for being just like our unicorn Learning Character.



Y3 JL

Mr Lee has chosen **Eva** to be superstar. Eva has a lovely, sweet nature. She is also hard working, sensible and a kind friend. Well done, Eva, for settling into Sydenham so well.

Sydenham Superstars

Y3 CR

The Y3 CR superstar is **Dominykas**. Dominykas always makes a super effort with his learning in class and this week has also really impressed with the well balanced sandwich he made for homelarning. A photograph of Dominykas with his delicious creation is on display in the classroom. Well done!

Y4 SM

Krithikesh has been chosen as Y4 SM superstar. Krithikesh has shown himself to be a mature and sensible pupil who loves to learn. Well done, Krithikesh—you are a pleasure to have in the classroom.

Y4 AH

Mr Hawes has chosen **Esha** as his superstar. Esha is a wonderful member of the class and a great talk partner. This week, she has concentrated well and written a fantastic non-chronological report about sharks. What a star!



Y5 CB

The Y5 CB superstar this week is **Keshav** who has been chosen for putting 100% into all his learning at school and at home. The class have particularly enjoyed Keshav's Space PPT which featured sound effects and moving images of the galaxy.

Y5 JE

Alfie is the Y5 JE superstar. Alfie has demonstrated a brilliant attitude this week, trying hard in lessons, making sensible choices and playing nicely. Miss Ellershaw is very proud of you, Alfie.

Y6 KG

Miss Gillespie has chosen **Max** as her superstar because he is such a friendly, respectful and thoughtful member of the class. Max always sets a good example and works hard, making him a wonderful new addition to the class.

Y6 JvS

Connor is this week's Y6 JvS superstar. He has been chosen for his great ideas, brilliant imagination and wonderful poetry writing. Well done, Connor.

Have a lovely weekend!

From Miss Glenny and all the staff at Sydenham