

# Welcome Back!



# My First Week at School



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Welcome back to school! It's been lovely to see you all again after what we hope was a relaxing break. We'd like to extend a special "hello" to our Reception children and their families who began their Sydenham Primary School journey this week. All sixty of our new children have made a fantastic start to their education and are already impressing us with their love of learning. You can see them busy at work in the following photographs:









# Y1 Enchanted Woodland

This week, Year One went on a woodland walk through the Forest School area and collected fallen treasures. They described all the things they found then used their special finds to build something.





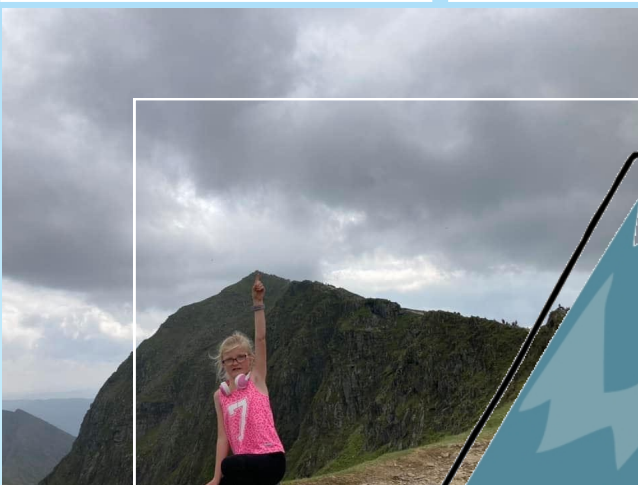
# Chloe Conquers Snowdon



Chloe, in Year 3, was quite literally on top of the world over the summer holiday after climbing to the summit of Mount Snowdon for charity.

Chloe has Cystic Fibrosis and was climbing to raise money for fellow sufferers. So far she has raised an incredible £3,290.

Well done Chloe for being like our elephant learning character and never giving up! This is an incredible achievement and we hope you feel very proud of yourself.



Supporting  
**Cystic  
Fibrosis Trust**

# for Charity

# Reading

**Here at Sydenham, we absolutely love books!**

Throughout the school day, your child has access to many beautiful, high-quality books with which they base much of their learning upon. Throughout the school year, there will be lots of opportunities for your child to read, explore books, take part in reading challenges (watch this space!) and make their own books; and we hope that they will become book worms too!



**Our newly refurbished library is now open, and the children will be bringing a library book home with them soon!**





# An invitation to our Year 1 Reading River

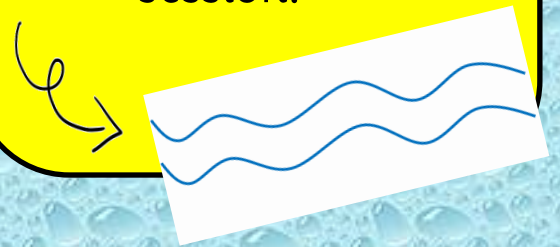
**1CD Wednesday 6th October 9.15-9.45**

**1EL Wednesday 20th October 9.15-9.45**



We are once again holding this special reading session for our Year 1 children, parents and carers to come and listen to some lovely picture books being read aloud by members of staff. The children will be needed to be dropped off in the morning to their classroom as usual, and will then be brought down to the hall at 9.15am to meet you by their class teacher. We really hope that you can join us!

Look out for a linked piece of home learning that will be given out the week before your child's Reading River session!



Session includes a free raffle to win a book for your child!

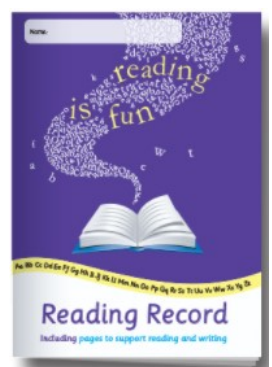
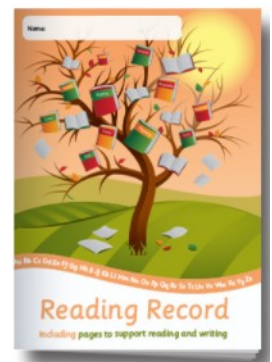
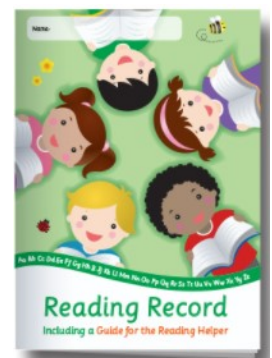
# Reading at Home

It is incredibly supportive for your child's learning for them to read daily at home, and we encourage parents and carers to keep a daily record of this in their child's reading diary. This is a really useful dialogue between home and school, and provides us with evidence throughout the year for reading challenges.

Please note that re-reading a book that your child becomes familiar with over the course of a week or two is really helpful for developing their fluency and to also give them time to comprehend what is happening, so please don't worry if you feel that your child has had the same book in their book bag for a while.

Practise makes perfect!

If you feel that your child is not enjoying reading at home, please do not worry! Speak to your child's teacher if you are concerned, and they will be able to reassure you and offer lots of tips.





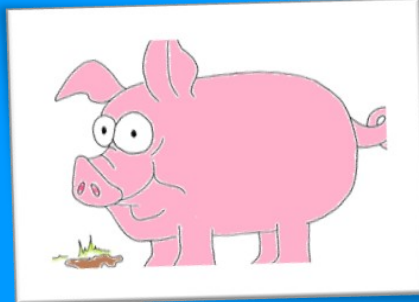
# Learning Characters

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

Concentrate.



Have a go.

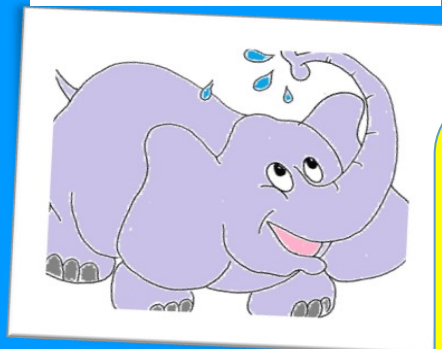


Cooperate.

Be curious.



Never give up.



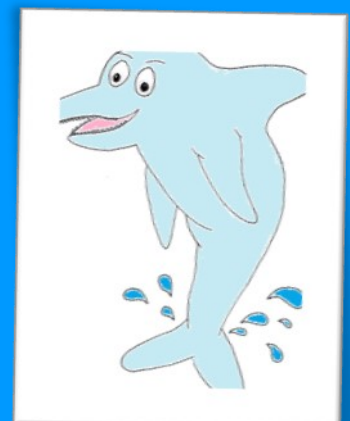
In class this week we have been thinking about having a positive attitude to learning so that we keep on trying even if things are hard.

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

Keep on improving.



Enjoy learning.



Use your imagination.



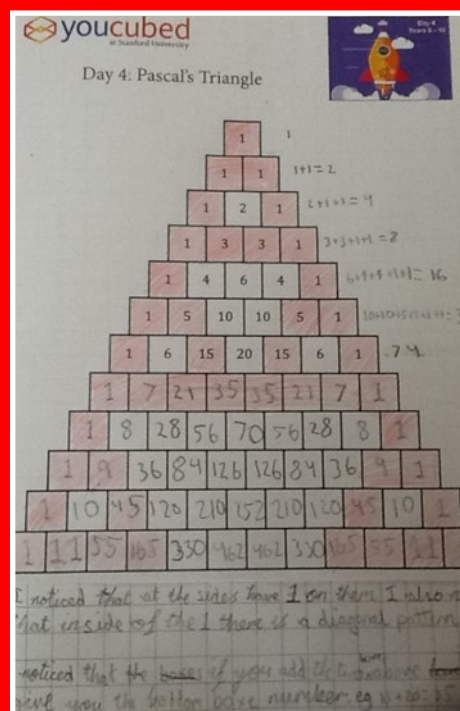
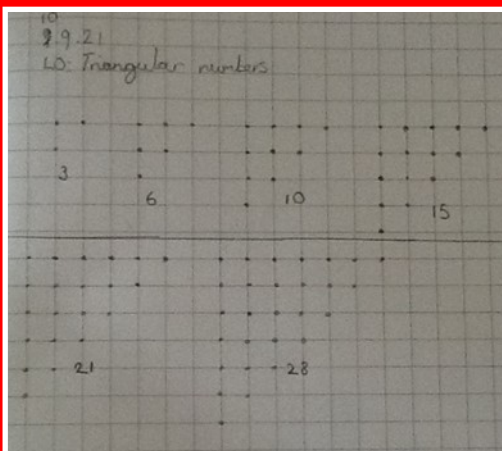
# Maths Mindset

**MISTAKES  
AND  
CHALLENGES  
ARE THE  
BEST TIME  
FOR YOUR  
BRAIN TO LEARN**



Developing a growth mindset is vitally important if a child is to succeed with their learning. In Maths lessons this week, all classes have worked on open-ended mathematical challenges to grow their brains.

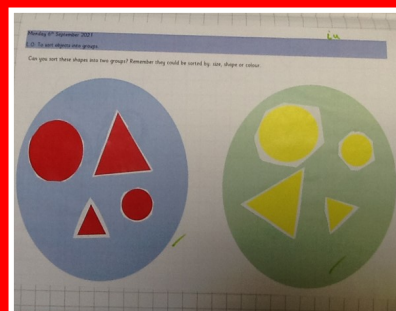
**Year Six** found out that when we do maths we use five brain pathways and two of them are visual. They learnt that it helps to think of maths visually, not just in numbers. Year Six investigated patterns – Fibonacci's sequence, Pascal's Triangle and triangular numbers.



**Year Two** used concrete resources to find ways to make ten. Children harnessed the power of our different Learning Characters to help them have a go, concentrate, persevere and ask questions.

By creating graphs together, **Year Three** learnt about the importance of believing in themselves. They explored the idea that mistakes are marvellous because they make our brains grow.

The Year One challenge was to sort different two dimensional shapes and talk about their choices using correct mathematical language. They practised being curious and kept on improving.



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# Other Information

## **Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding**

If your child is registered for Free School Meals, we receive additional funding from the government in the form of Pupil Premium. This funding is vital to our school budget and allows us to provide many different learning interventions as well as additional support for pupils.

Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals if you are receiving any of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related employment and support allowance (ESA)
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Universal Credit (with an annual income of less than £7,400)
- Both income-based and contribution-based JSA/ESA if you receive the same amount for both. You should also qualify if you receive both, but only if the income-based amount is greater (not if the contribution-based amount is greater.)
- Families who are awarded Child Tax Credit and have an annual income assessed by HMRC to be no more than £16,190, providing there is no entitlement to Working Tax Credit (unless in respect of a 4-week 'run-on').

If you think you might be eligible, please submit an application at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>. The process is quick and easy—just make sure you have your National Insurance number to hand.

**Please apply even if your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two and in receipt of a universal free school meal. If you don't apply, school does NOT receive the additional Pupil Premium Funding.**

## **Breakfast and Butterflies Clubs**

It's been lovely to see the children back and using these services this week. If your requirements have changed at all since you completed your contract, please let us know at [admin2622@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2622@welearn365.com) in order that we can keep our registers up to date.

If for any reason you need to cancel or add additional days at the last minute, please ensure you have telephoned the school office by twelve noon to avoid charges.

Thank you for your continued support.

## **Nut Allergies**

We have several children in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy and need to use an EpiPen. For these children, nuts can be very dangerous since they trigger anaphylaxis. With this in mind, we politely request that you refrain from putting foods containing nuts in your child's lunch box. Even spreads such as Nutella or peanut butter can be harmful. Thank you.

## **PE Kit**

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school on the day that they are taught by Onside Coaches. Children need black shorts, a white T shirt and trainers. For colder weather please also provide plain jogging bottoms and a hoodie. All items should be labelled with your child's full name and class—please use a permanent marker pen or printed labels that can be sewn into clothing.

### Please donate trainers

If you have a pair of good quality trainers that your child has grown out of, please donate them to school for use in PE by pupils who don't have suitable footwear. Please place pairs of trainers in a bag which is clearly labelled with the size and pass them on to your class teacher. As we don't want to accumulate a trainer mountain, please don't be offended if we say we can't take your donation! Thank you from Mr Lee (our PE Subject Leader.)

### Mufti Days

You can see from the diary dates below that we have some MUFTI Days planned. For those of you who are new to school, on MUFTI Days uniform is not compulsory and your child can come to school in their own choice of clothes. Please encourage your child to pick outfits which are suitable for the weather and safe for wear during play. We politely request that girls refrain from wearing skimpy clothing such as crop-tops. If your child comes to school in non-uniform, they must bring a donation of 50p for School Fund. This money is spent on additional and exciting resources not covered by our ordinary budget, for example, we are about to purchase new games for each class to use on days when inclement weather makes outdoor play impossible.

### Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 23rd September	Rocksteady music lesson begin again.
Friday 24th September	MUFTI (non uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school. All donations to School Fund.
Monday 11th October	<b>School closed</b> for in-service (teacher) training.
Wednesday 13th October	School photographs—individual portraits.
Friday 22nd October	MUFTI (non uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school. All donations to School Fund.
<b>Monday 25th October—Friday 29th October school closed for half-term holiday.</b>	
<b>School re-opens on Monday 1st November</b>	
Friday 26th November	MUFTI (non uniform) Day—bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school. All donations to School Fund.
Wednesday 1st/2nd December	Y5 and Y6 silent disco—more information coming soon!
Wednesday 1st December	Infant Nativity, 9.30—10.00am.
Wednesday 8th December	Y1/2 carol concert, 9.30—10.00am.
Thursday 9th December	Y3/4 carol concert, 9.30—10.00am.
Friday 10th December	Y5/6 carol concert, 9.30—10.00am.
Monday 13th December	Christmas dinner.
Thursday 16th December	YR/Y1 watch “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” at Warwick Arts Centre.
Friday 17th December	MUFTI Day—bring 50p to wear a festive outfit.
<b>Monday 20th December—Friday 31st December School Closed for Christmas holiday</b>	
<b>Monday 3rd January 2022 school closed for bank holiday</b>	
<b>Tuesday 4th January 2022 school closed for in-service (teacher) training</b>	
<b>School re-opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022</b>	

Thank you for a super first week back at school. Have a wonderful weekend.

The very best of wishes from Miss Glenny.





# Sydenham Superstars



Years Three & Four



Years Five & Six