

Merry Christmas



from Sydenham Primary School



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Article 14: Freedom of Thought, Belief and Religion



Christmas Lunch



Christmas lunch went with a swing on Monday. Everybody enjoyed a scrumptious roast with crispy potatoes, pigs-in-blankets, vegetables and lashings of gravy. Miss Glenney's favourite cracker joke was:

What do Santa's Little Helpers learn at school?

The elf-abet!!

Many thanks to our wonderful kitchen staff and midday supervisors for helping to cook and serve the meal.



Charity Carol Singing



We're very proud of all the children in our choir who went charity carol singing at ASDA this week.



It's good to know that the true spirit of Christmas is still truly alive!

Led by Mrs Keys, the children sang festive classics to raise money for Myton Hospice.





Selection Box Raffle



Here are some of the lucky children who won our selection box raffle. We hope you enjoy your chocolatey treats.



Pop-Up Planetarium

Inside the Space Dome



Y1 had an out of this world experience on Monday when they visited a pop-up planetarium. The children consolidated their understanding of the different planets and picked up some new facts about the solar system.

The most magical moment was seeing a projection of different constellations on the walls of the space dome. What a brilliant way to bring learning to life!



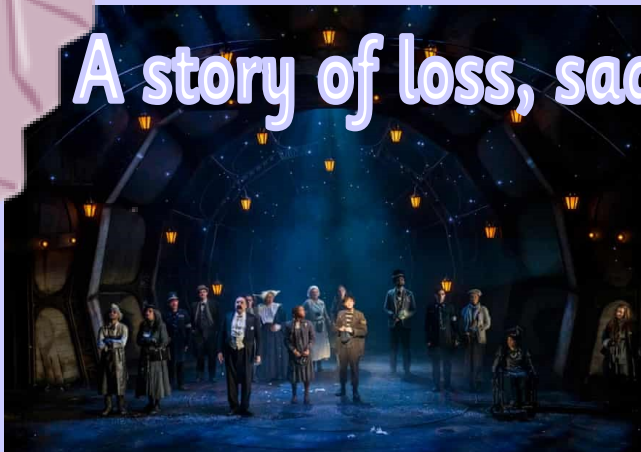
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Y5/6 Theatre Trip



The Magician's Elephant

A story of loss, sadness and recovery



On Wednesday, Years Five and Six visited The Royal Shakespeare Theatre to watch a performance of “The Magician’s Elephant.” Year Four also watched the show last week. So, what did Keva, Ovi, Jack and Cheryl (our Arts’ Ambassadors) think of the show?

We really liked the show. Our favourite part was when the elephant disappeared as she went back home because the special effects were amazing with flashing lights everywhere. Our favourite characters were Peter and the elephant as the elephant puppet was realistic and Peter was a really good actor and singer.

We would definitely recommend the show to a friend because it was amazing, spectacular, mysterious, clever and funny.

We would definitely give it five stars! ★★★★★



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Y1 Acrostic Poems

Stars are shining,
Angels are singing,
No more school,
Trees have stars,
Antlers on reindeers.

By Iyra

Santa's sleigh,,
Are you ready?
No!
Trees are growing,
At Christmas!

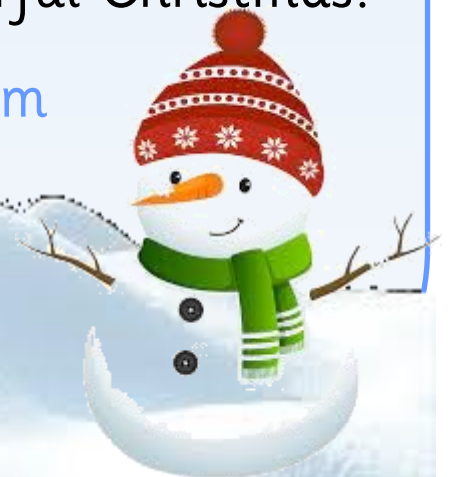
By Aashwi

Sleighs fly
Advent chocolate,
Nativity on stage,
Timothy is excited,
A mince pie is gone!.

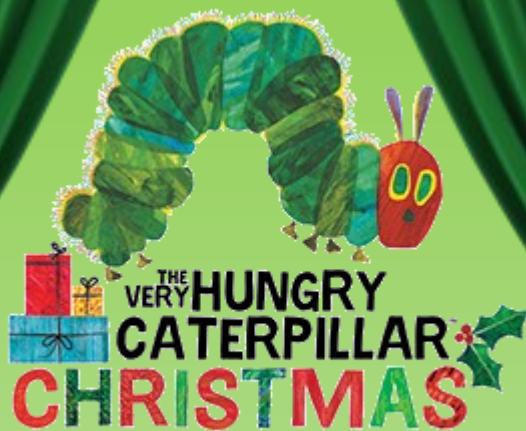
By Timothy

Snowmen are built,
Angels are singing,
No more school,
Treats for Santa,
A wonderful Christmas.

By Mariam



YR/1 Theatre Trip



On Thursday, an excited Reception and Year One went to Warwick Arts' Centre to watch a performance of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar Christmas Show." The children were so excited to go on a trip outside school. They loved the journey to the theatre, especially sitting upstairs on the double-decker! They counted Christmas trees in the houses as they drove past them too. The children asked if the animals were real as they watched the show. They loved seeing 'real' snow fall onto the stage. Dexter liked the red bird swooping up and down. Dominic talked about the octopus having lots of arms and everybody loved seeing the caterpillar change into a butterfly.

It was amazing.
I loved it.

Nolan

The caterpillar got
really big before
going in the cocoon.

Ellie-Rose

It was very special.
I really enjoyed it.

Rebecca

Can we go and
see it again?

Alfie



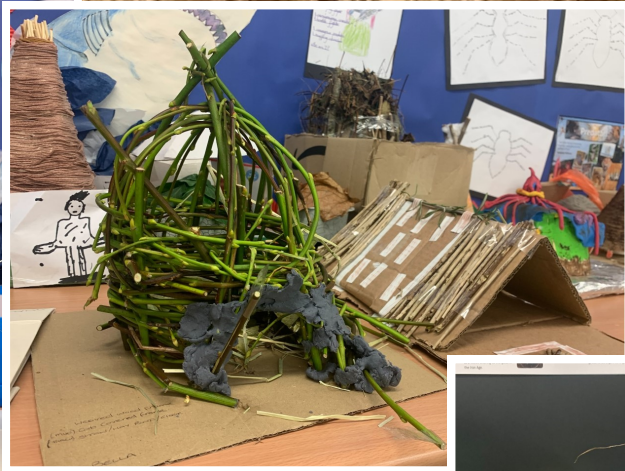
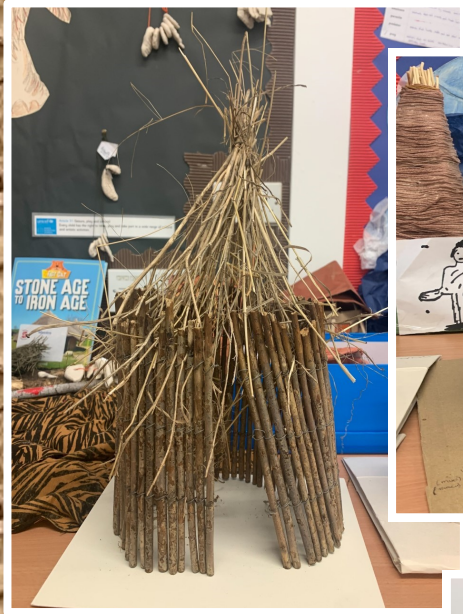
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Y2 Yule Logs



Here are some of the gorgeous girls in Y2 CP decorating chocolate Yule logs at their Christmas party. We're not sure what everybody else did with their chocolate logs. Do you think they just ate them?!

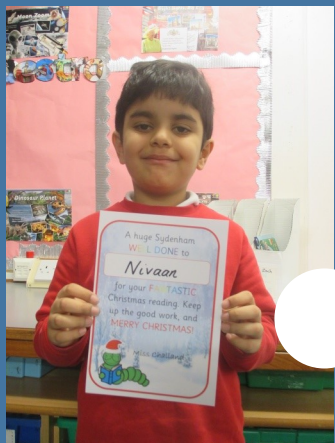
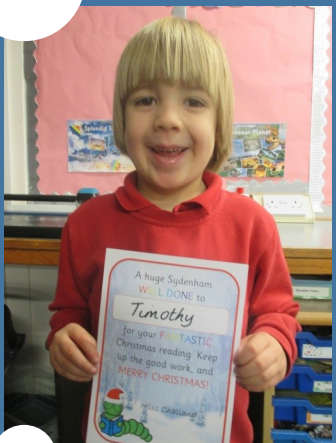
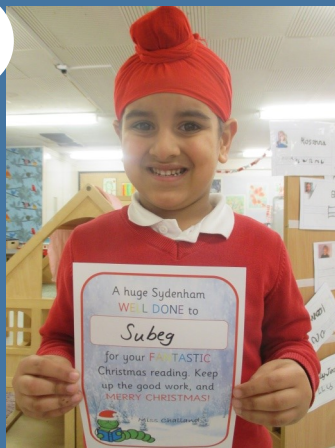
Y3 Stone Age Dwellings



Fabulous Homelearning!

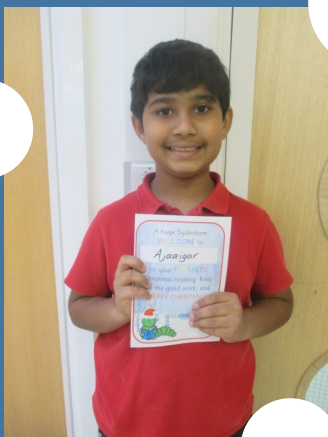
Christmas Reading

An enormous and festive WELL DONE to all of our pupils who read Christmas and winter-themed stories and poems at home for us all to enjoy in school. They were just **Brrrrr-illiant!**



Super Stars!

Christmas Reading



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Story Advent Calendar



We have continued to share some festive stories on YouTube every day, and it is wonderful to hear the children talk about these stories when they are in school.

Days 1 - 17 can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwfpG3n2_7iJO0A1y-KEnog

Which means there are only 8 more days until Christmas!

Did you know, in Iceland, books are exchanged on Christmas Eve. Then the tradition is to spend the rest of the night reading and eating chocolate. That sounds absolutely perfect!

Remember that we will share our stories with you up until Christmas Eve too.



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Rosanna's favourite story so far has been
How The Grinch Stole Christmas... but luckily gave
 it back again at the end of the book! Phew!



Look who's reading...

Last week, Ophelia in Mrs Scholes' class took Fern, the class teddy bear, home. Ophelia reads really regularly at home, and this was her reward!



My favourite kind of books are books about animals!



KS2 Reading Challenge



Two of our pupils who have been working really hard towards the Reading Around the World challenge are Lewis and Ali from 4SM!

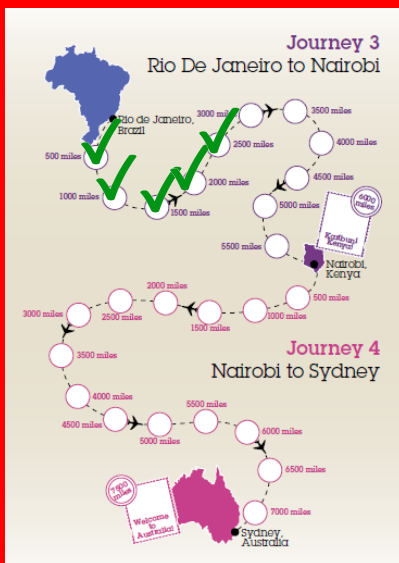
I like reading because it is interesting and fun. I am currently reading two books, and my school book is called *The Lost: The Dark Ground*.





I read every single day because reading is fun! I am currently reading a Beast Quest book. Whenever I read, it helps me to learn new words that I don't know. I magpie words to put them into my own writing too.

Well done, everyone!



It has been another busy week this week, but I have started re-reading one of my favourite books *'The Children of Green Knowe'* by Lucy M Boston!



Miss Challand's journey so far...

I was also very excited to learn that we have won a competition to receive all of the books in the *Frost Heart* trilogy! I know that the children in Year 6 will be particularly excited about this, and will let them know properly when the books arrive!

Happy holiday reading, everyone! Miss Challand

Play Leaders



Our Play Leaders have made really good use of their Play Leader packs in the past few weeks, and it was time to give the certificates out to all of the children who joined in with their games.



Introducing Mariam, who is our newest member of the Play Leader team!



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Present Wrap Room

We'd like to thank all the parents and children who participated in this event. The children had a great time choosing and decorating their gifts

Over 600 gifts were chosen by the children over the 2 days the wrap room took place.

An extra special thank you to our volunteers who gave up their time to help us run this event. We could not have done this without you!



We're delighted to share that we made over £700 profit!

Ms Challand has already been able to buy the books that were needed which is fantastic.

Watch this space to hear how else we will be supporting the pupils in the near future.

With thanks to Morrisons, Asda, Tesco, The Works and Matthew Gill



Curriculum: Spring 1 Topics

Reception



Can You Tell Me a Story?

Was the Big Bad Wolf really so bad? How many bowls of porridge did Goldilocks eat? Explore these questions and more in this magical project all about fairy tales, goodies and baddies!

Year One



Bright Lights, Big City

Put on your best outfit because you're invited to have tea with the Queen. Use your best manners and comb your hair, as one will not be amused if you don't! What do you know about England's capital city? Let's find out all about London, including its history, transport and famous landmarks. Step back in time and discover what happened in the Great Fire of London. Where did it start? How did it end? Create a model of the bakery on Pudding Lane, then burn it to the ground to recreate the Great Fire. Stand well back and watch how the flames spread. London's burning! London's burning! Fire, fire! Fire, fire! Hang on, there's someone new in town. Plan a tour for Marley the Meerkat (he's come all the way from Zambia, you know) making sure he takes in all the sights and sounds of London before he finally meets his family at London Zoo. Are you ready for the bright lights of the big city? Hop in a black cab and enjoy the ride.

Year Two



Scented Garden

Tiptoe through the tulips as your senses discover the blooming foliage and enchanting fragrances of flowers and herbs. Round and round the mulberry bush we go, planting bulbs and seeds, and then watch them grow beneath sunshine and showers. Explore the astounding world of the scented garden, but be careful, there are some wild and dangerous plants out there that do astonishing things. Don't touch them. Use the marvellous properties of plants, flowers and herbs to make an exceptional gift for somebody special. Everything is coming up roses. Why not grow your own?

Year Three



Mighty Metals

You're an engineer, a scientist, a maker of men (iron men, of course). Explore the scientific world of forces and magnetism, metals and materials. Expand your mind as you test and trial, build and move. Which force is at play as you slide down a slide or swing on a swing? Can you explain why magnets repel and attract? Can you make a penny look shiny and new or build a steel band from pots and pans? Then, meet Hogarth the Iron Man's companion. The Iron Man wants a friend. Can you build him one? You must make him strong, sturdy and ready to rumble. If you were a metal, which one would you be? Gold, a shimmering, precious and costly mineral? Or steel, that strong and useful alloy? Maybe you're iron, malleable and easy to shape, but ready to rust. Maybe you're not a metal at all, but a force to be reckoned with.

Curriculum: New Topics

Year Four



1066

We're travelling back to 1066, probably the most famous date in English history. These are troubled times and there is danger afoot. A much loved king is dead and a French Duke has staked a claim for our kingdom. Discover a changing England, shaped by shires, protected by castles and ruled by foreign knights. Use the famous Bayeux Tapestry to explore the significant events of 1066. What happened when, and how did William of Normandy come to be called the Conqueror? Design a castle with defences strong enough to hold back the enemy. What about a space for fine dining and revelry? Try and build a happy (but safe) home. You're the architect. Are you ready for the

Year Five



Off With Her Head!

What sort of man would order the beheading of his wife? Was she really that bad? Travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history. Discover an opulent court where dancing and singing goes hand in hand with swift falls from favour, and even swifter falling of heads. Develop your painting skills in miniature, solve riddles and remember to protect your precious neck with a large white ruff, if you want to survive at Tudor court. Flex your detective muscles and become a criminal investigator. Will you find out the facts or will the evidence from the past bemuse you? How will you find the accused, innocent or guilty? It's your turn to take part in one of the most famous trials that the world has ever known.

Year Six



Frozen Planet

Button up your coat and put on your hat and scarf because we're off to the land of ice and snow. Find out about the characteristics and features of polar regions, including the North and South Poles and explore the environmental factors that shape and influence them. Learn about famous explorers and find out more about classification keys.

12 E-Safety Tips Of CHRISTMAS

1. Set parental controls on new devices
2. Talk about safe selfies
3. Know the PEGI ratings for games
4. Set a digital sunset
5. Manage screen time
6. No tech at mealtimes
7. Remember the ratings for Apps
8. Set up home internet filtering
9. Don't share personal information
10. Protect your password
11. Talk to your children about e-safety
12. Remember online stranger danger



Diary Dates

Monday 20th December—Friday 31st December School Closed for Christmas holiday

Monday 3rd January 2022 school closed for Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th January 2022 school closed for in-service (teacher) training

School re-opens on Wednesday 5th January 2022

Friday 28th January	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school. All proceeds to School Fund.
Friday 18th February	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school. All proceeds to School Fund.
Monday 21st—Friday 25th February	School closed for half-term holiday.
Monday 28th February	Children return to school.
Wednesday 23rd March	“Voice in a Million” concert, Y4.
Friday 25th March	MUFTI (non-uniform) Day. Bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes to school. All proceeds to School Fund.
Monday 11th—Friday 22nd April	School closed for Easter holiday.
Monday 25th April	Children return to school.

Season's Greetings

Happy holidays to all of our Sydenham families. We hope you have a peaceful and restful break and send you lots of love and festive cheer.

From Miss Glenny (Associate Headteacher)

