

# Arts Ambassadors



As you've never seen them before...

Sydenham Primary School Arts Ambassadors champion all forms of visual and performing arts. They are passionate about the value of singing, dancing, painting, drawing, sculpture and drama and are currently hard at work preparing a display board in school to promote these areas of learning. Last Friday, they enjoyed a photo-shoot with Miss Glenny when they dressed up to show different art forms. You will soon be able to see their photo's on the Arts Ambassador display board but, for a sneaky peak, please look at the next page!



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 31: Leisure, Play and Culture





# Painting



# Music



WE ♥  
THE  
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# Sculpture



# Singing



# Dance



# Drama



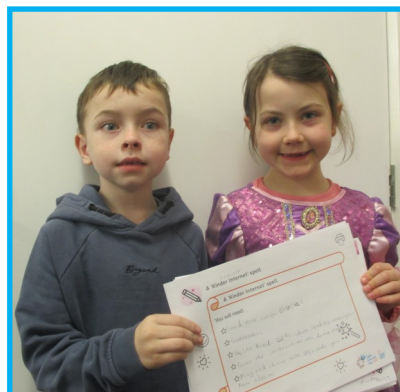
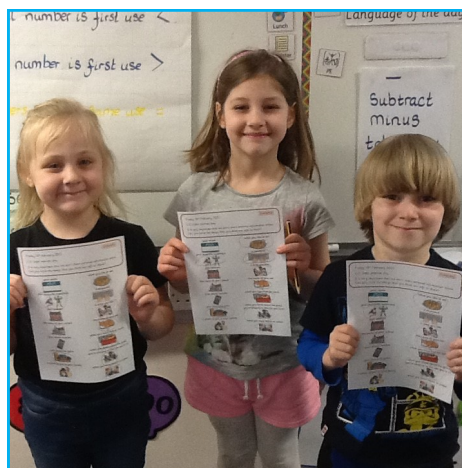
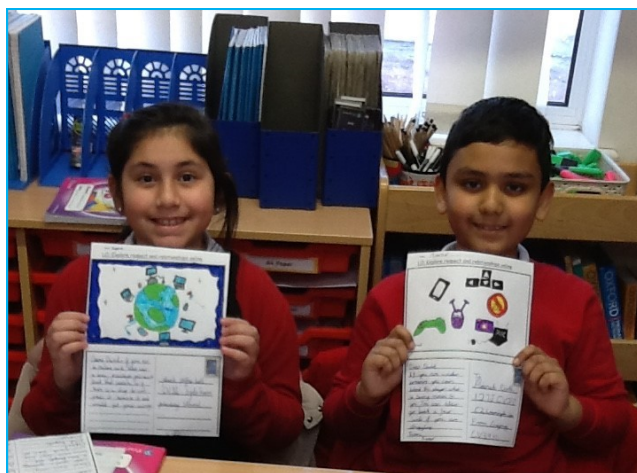




# Safer Internet Day

The theme of this year's Safer Internet Day was "together for a better internet." Across the school, pupils have been thinking about their behaviour online and how to stay safe when gaming.

The Digital leaders presented Safer Internet Day assemblies to KS1 and KS2 children, discussing how respect online should be the same as real life, how to report harmful content online and who to speak to if children are concerned about something online



Convention on the Rights of the Child

Article 19: Protection from violence, abuse and neglect.



# Safer Internet Day



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating **Safer Internet Day 2022**. Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Sydenham primary School, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. In school, the Online Safety Ambassadors have delivered assemblies to the whole school and children have completed activities in class.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Resources for Parents and Carers which is available at: [saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents](https://saferinternet.org.uk/sid-parents).

There are top tips, quizzes, and films which you can use at home with your child.

Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the [UK Safer Internet Centre \(saferinternet.org.uk/parents\)](https://saferinternet.org.uk/parents)
- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet \(childnet.com/parents-and-carers\)](https://childnet.com/parents-and-carers)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media \(commonsense.org\)](https://commonsense.org)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters \(internetmatters.org/controls\)](https://internetmatters.org/controls)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from [CEOP \(ceop.police.uk\)](https://ceop.police.uk)

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we're committed to teaching about.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or myself.

Kind regards,

Sharon Madahar

Online Safety Leader



# Year Six Poetry



## **Titanic's Fate**

The latest modern beauty,  
Filled with admiration and vanity,  
Unsinkable glamour is all I could see.

The grandness unimaginable,  
As we sat at the dinner table,  
The secure ship tall and stable.

We go to our opulent room,  
Not knowing about our fate and doom,  
Not knowing that soon we will be swallowed in an icy tomb.

As I snuggle down into my bed,  
Happiness fills my head,  
But "Iceberg! Iceberg" is heard to be said.

**By Samidha**

Year Six have been learning about the sinking of the ocean liner, Titanic, in 1912.

They read Thomas Hardy's poem "The Convergence of the Twain" which is a response to the tragedy.

Pupils then wrote their own poems about the tragic sinking of the Titanic. Their writing captures the grandeur of the passenger liner as well as the scale of loss when it sank after hitting an iceberg.



## The Titanic

The isolation of the sea,  
Bottomless satisfaction from human arrogance,  
And the joy of laughter  
Will die hereafter.

Steel chambers that once stood tall  
Have suddenly now dropped,  
Titanic now lifts higher,  
So does her salamandine fire.

While the Titanic was sinking,  
My heart was too,  
Loved ones dying,  
The cold was chilling.

People, dead on the deck,  
It is now a ship wreck.

**By Fiorella**



## Solitude Sailing

Windows shatter—what does it matter?  
No point doing anything,  
There is no hope.

It feels like I'm going down a roller-coaster,  
The iceberg broken like the payers' bank account,  
The music as sad as the death amount,  
The screams, the souls lifting,  
The Titanic shifting.

Upside down, the ship dissolves in the water,  
Children, getting ready for slaughter,  
The captain abandons life for the ship,  
As other lives slip,  
Frozen bodies float gracefully.

The lifeboats are being launched,  
Four are sinking; it looks like they're shrinking,  
Free spaces on the boat,  
The only thing left that will float.

**By Rylee**





# Y2 CP Gallery Visit



It was the turn of Y2 CP to visit Leamington Art Gallery this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed viewing the exhibition, "Outgrowing" and made some super links with their learning in school. Thank you Lily and Natasha for making us feel so welcome!



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Article 29: Goals of Education

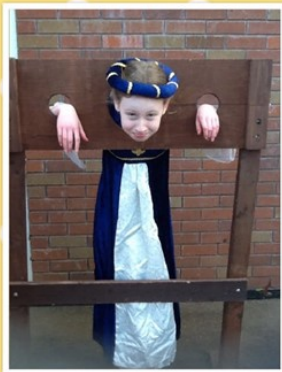




# Y5 Tudor Banquet

On Thursday, Year Five enjoyed a Tudor banquet. The children feasted on pottage and ginger cake, all made to a Tudor recipe. They also enjoyed dancing and shared Tudor jokes—if a joke displeased King Henry, you were heading for the stocks!

## Year 5 Tudor Banquet







Here is Lily's fantastic book all about the Tudors. It features information about the wives of Henry's VIII and explains what life in Tudor times was like.

Well done, Year Five for some super learning!



# Infant Silent Disco



KS1 show off their moves!







Everybody had fun.



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# Can I Tell You a Story...

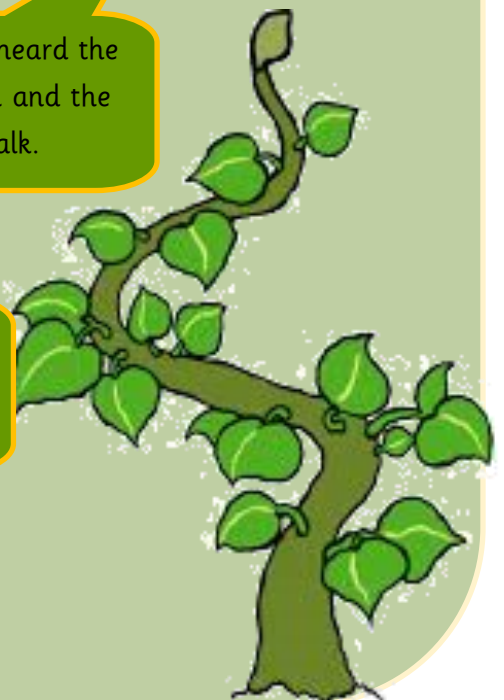
On Thursday, Reception were visited by a storyteller.



The children heard the story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

They then explored it through dance, role-play and song.

Pupils even planted their own beanstalks!



# Half term reading challenge!

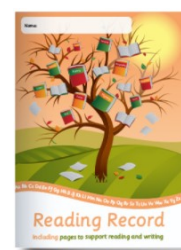
Has your child been working hard on their reading since September? Whether they are reading books with just a few words, or will happily get their teeth into a novel, I hope that you have been noticing a real difference in their fluency and confidence.

**If your child reads on 7 occasions over the half term break - a total of 9 days - they can come to my office with their signed reading diary for a reading certificate and a little prize!**

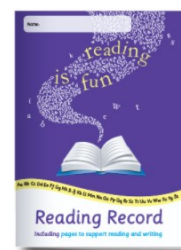
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**Don't forget to sign your child's reading diary every time they read!**



**Happy reading, everyone!**  
**Miss Challand**



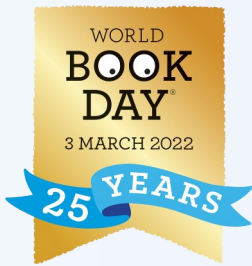
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# World Book Day 2022

**This year marks the 25th anniversary of World Book Day!**

A reminder that World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March 2022, and we have lots of fun and exciting activities planned for the whole of that week to celebrate!

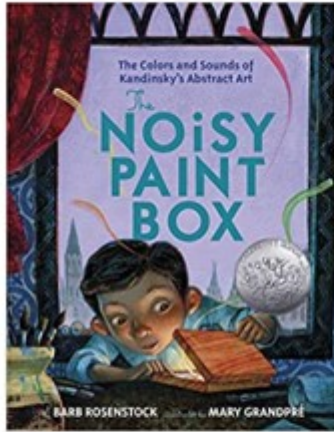


Each year group has chosen a book to explore for this special week, and we invite children to **dress up in clothes linked to our chosen books** on Thursday 3rd March:

Reception	Year 1
 <p><i>Please can children come into school wearing black and white clothes!</i> Mrs Scholes, Mrs Harrad and Mrs Cox</p>	 <p><i>Please can children come dressed in animal print or as a brown bear!</i> Mrs Lee, Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Emmett</p>
Year 2	Year 3
 <p><i>Please can children come into school dressed as robots, birds, or anything in nature!</i> Miss Knight and Miss Peters</p>	 <p><i>Please can children come dressed as any character from a book!</i> Mr Lee, Mrs Christensen and Mrs Rastall</p>

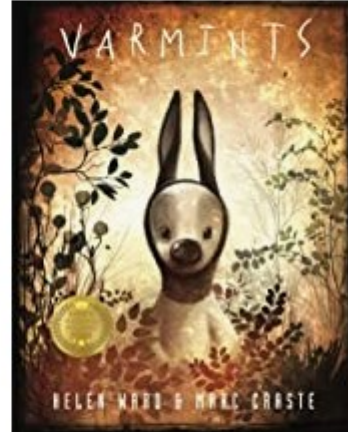
# World Book Day 2022

Year 4



*Please can children come into school dressed in bright, colourful clothes!*  
Mrs Madahar and Mrs Keys

Year 5



*Please can children come dressed as an animal!*  
Miss Ball and Miss Ellershaw

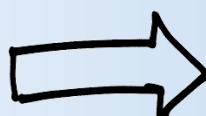
Year 6



*Please can children come into school dressed like a bear, a penguin, or an explorer/adventurer!*  
Mrs Vander Sterren and Miss Gillespie

NATIONAL  
BOOK  
tokens

Every child will receive a £1 book token that can be put towards a book of their choice or swapped for one of these free books which are available in many shops.





# Read for Good

We are getting very excited about beginning the Read for Good sponsored read, and it has been lovely to hear the children talking about all of the different books that they have in mind. Some are old favourites, some they love reading by themselves, and some are their favourite bedtime stories! Everything counts!



Congratulations - by taking part in Readathon  
you are doing something really amazing!

Remember, our Readathon is running from  
Monday 28th February 2022 to Friday 4th March 2022

## What you need to do now:

- Decide what to read.
- Collect as many sponsors as possible from family and friends - every penny helps!
- Encourage sponsors to pay online and tick the Gift Aid box (if relevant) at [readforgood.org/sponsor](https://readforgood.org/sponsor).
- Have loads of reading fun, reading whatever you love, on your own, with friends, with your pets...
- Record what you have read on your sponsor card and, if your school is using it, on Track My Read.
- Join in with any reading activities and check out the Read for Good website for reading ideas: [readforgood.org/reading-inspiration](https://readforgood.org/reading-inspiration).
- Return your completed sponsor card, and any donations, to . Your child's class teacher or the school office by. Monday 7th March \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for reading, raising and being amazing!

# Proud to be Sydenham!

Last week in KS2 assembly, Miss Glenny talked about what it means to feel proud. Afterwards, the children shared the reasons why they're proud to be part of Sydenham Primary School. Here are some of the things they said:

**Equality:** Everybody has all of their rights all of the time and people are treated fairly. Everyone is respected.

**Diversity:** There are lots of different languages and religions. People's differences are celebrated—we're all unique. Everyone is welcome.

**Kindness:** Everyone is thoughtful and they try hard to use good manners. If you're hurt or upset, other people make you feel better.



**People:** The children and adults are friendly and helpful. We all look after each other and play together.

**Safety:** Adults listen—there is always someone to talk to if you have a problem. We learn about online and personal safety too. Grown-ups make sure that the doors are locked and they wear a badge to show they're safe.

**Love of Learning:** The lessons are fun and there are great trips and visits. Children use their learning characters to make progress and never give up. Our brains grow every day and we learn from our mistakes.

**Miss Glenny was so impressed that she would like to make a display in the main hall featuring all of the children's brilliant ideas.**

It would be wonderful if your child could create a poster, poem or piece of artwork explaining why they love our school. The most interesting and colourful pieces will be used on the display! Use the topics above as a guide and hand your completed work in to the office or Miss Glenny by Friday 4th March. All work must be 2D (flat) so that it can be fixed to the display board. Be as creative as you like but make sure you explain what it is that makes our school so special.

# See Your Work on Display





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Contact now to BOOK your place!



### HALF TERM TENNIS CAMP

# Curriculum: Spring 2 Topics

## Reception



### Are Carrots Orange?

What do you like to eat? Are you happy to try something new? Explore these questions and more in this project about eating well and being healthy.

## Year One



### Dinosaur Planet

Watch out everyone – the dinosaurs are on the prowl. They're rampaging across the dusty earth, swishing their enormous tails and baring their fearsome teeth. Let's explore the Dinosaur Planet. Imagine you're a palaeontologist (that's a scientist who studies bones and fossils). Dig deep and discover dazzling dinosaur facts. Create a dinosaur museum and invite visitors to see your awesome dinosaur artefacts. You could even do a dinosaur dance or produce some prehistoric percussion. Which is your favourite dinosaur? The *Tyrannosaurus*, the *Brachiosaurus* or the *Micropachycephalosaurus*? Doyouthinkhesawus? Yes, he did. Run!

## Year Two



### Movers and Shakers

Learn all about historically significant people who have had a major impact on the world in this exciting History project. Roll out your timeline and get out your magnifying glass ready to explore different historical sources that will reveal how incredible humans have shaped the world we live in today.

## Year Three



### Emperors and Empires

Friends, Romans, country men, lend me your ears! Whether you're a senator or a slave, there's lots to learn in this exciting topic about the history and structure of Ancient Rome. Discover what it was like to live and work in Rome; how the Roman army operated and how society was organised. Find out how the Roman influence spread across the world and what happened when Julius Caesar invaded Britain.



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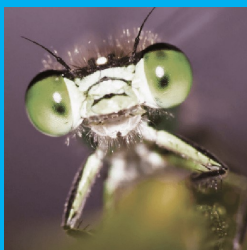
## Year Four



### Playlist

What's that noise? A bash? A crash? A shake, a rattle or a low, bass hum? Which do you prefer – an acoustic singer or a booming brass band? A solitary voice singing sweetly and quietly or a magnificent choir lifting the roof? Take out your ear plugs as you journey through the valley of sound and find out about instruments, the sounds they make and how they are produced. Discover how sounds are made and which sounds travel the furthest. Then, sing up and compose a class song for the local talent contest, Class Factor. Can you write a number one hit? Be sure to stand up straight, warm up your voice and sing your heart out. When your performance is done, sit back and listen to calming classical melodies, a soothing lullaby or your favourite boy band ballad. Can you hear me over there? Or do I need to TALK MORE LOUDLY?

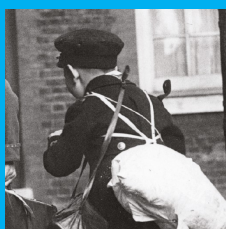
## Year Five



### Beast Creator

A bug, a creepy-crawly, a beast. He'll tickle your skin then go in for the sting. Arachnids, insects, molluscs and myriapods, hiding in nooks and beneath darkened rocks. Come search for these minibeasts, and let's sort them out. How many legs? How many wings? Who does it eat and who eats it? Can you classify it? Can you draw it or make it? Build a bug hotel or a wonderful wormery, then watch them wriggle and burrow, mixing earth as they go. Discover where in the world you'll find the deadliest beasts. Perhaps the *Vespa mandarinia japonica* is the one that you fear? Why not become a beast creator? Selectively breed a killer predator that saves the world from the super strong aphid. You'll be a hero. 'There was an old lady who swallowed a fly. I don't know why she swallowed a fly. Perhaps she'll die?'

## Year Six



### A Child's War

A siren sounds, a building crumbles, a Spitfire zooms overhead. Take cover. It's 1939 and Britain is at war. Deep down in the Anderson shelter, learn why nations are fighting and why child evacuees must make the long journey from their homes and families into unknown territory. Read the diary of Anne Frank, written whilst hiding from the terrifying stormtroopers in a secret annexe, and try to empathise with her hopes and fears. Make do and mend. Cook up a family meal from meagre rations. Delve deep into a bygone era, when loose lips sunk ships. And, as peace is declared, let's get ready to celebrate. Mr Churchill says 'It's an unconditional surrender.'

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## February-April 2022

For more information and to book your place  
<https://arty-folks.org.uk/whats-on/calendar/>



### ONLINE - start your creative journey

#### Come Connect

Mon. 21st February, 4pm-5pm

[tinyurl.com/5ap6s42t](https://tinyurl.com/5ap6s42t)

Mon. 4th April, 4pm-5pm

[tinyurl.com/2wycr3tm](https://tinyurl.com/2wycr3tm)

Meet our tutors in this informal workshop. Find out more about our courses and how Art can support your wellbeing.

### ONLINE - daytime courses

#### Art for Relaxation

Tues. 1st March, 1pm-3pm

[tinyurl.com/4bw2db42](https://tinyurl.com/4bw2db42)

6-weeks online course

#### Healing Art of QiGong

Mon. 21st March, 1pm-2.30pm

[tinyurl.com/2p96rbh3](https://tinyurl.com/2p96rbh3)

3-weeks online course

#### Painting for Pleasure

Wed. 27th April, 1pm-2.30pm

[tinyurl.com/2s3zdkvu](https://tinyurl.com/2s3zdkvu)

6-weeks online course



### ONLINE - evening courses for adults in employment

#### Painting for Pleasure

Tues. 1st March 7.00pm-8.30pm

[tinyurl.com/yydv2nuk](https://tinyurl.com/yydv2nuk)

6-weeks online painting

#### Passion for Plants

Mon. 25th April 7.00pm-8.30pm

[tinyurl.com/yxfj4xep](https://tinyurl.com/yxfj4xep)

6-weeks online painting



For more information

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### To support our unpaid Carers

#### Passion for Plants

Mon. 28th February, 10am-12pm

[tinyurl.com/4x7m3ymf](https://tinyurl.com/4x7m3ymf)

Online

#### Garden Crafts Coventry

Mon. 27th April 10.30am-12.30pm

[tinyurl.com/46p5p59j](https://tinyurl.com/46p5p59j)

Penny Collard Centre, Coventry

#### Garden Crafts Leamington

Tues. 26th April 10.30am-12.30pm

[tinyurl.com/46p5p59j](https://tinyurl.com/46p5p59j)

Brunswick Hub, Leamington

Arty-Folks has teamed up with the Heart of England Carers Trust to offer unpaid carers in Coventry & Warwickshire these 6-weeks painting or crafting courses.

We will provide all art materials at venues or post an art pack to you.

### In-Person - Nuneaton and Coventry

#### Stepping out in Nuneaton

Tues. 1st March 10.30am-12.00pm

[tinyurl.com/mvtdfm3b](https://tinyurl.com/mvtdfm3b)

6-weeks walk&talk in-person

#### Arty-Folks Studios Coventry

Wed. 23rd March 10.00am-12.00pm

[tinyurl.com/3b869vfk](https://tinyurl.com/3b869vfk)

3-weeks therapeutic art in-person



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# Diary Dates

**Monday 21st February—Friday 25th February, School closed for half-term holiday.**

**Children return to school on Monday 28th February.**

Monday 28th February	Y3 Roman Day—visitors in school.
Tuesday 1st March	Y6 health and wellbeing questionnaire (delivered by the School Nursing Service.)
Wednesday 2nd March	Y4 visit to Lillington Library to watch a performance of “The Power of Possibilities.”
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day.
Monday 7th March	Freshwater Theatre Company visiting Y2 .
Thursday 17th/Friday 18th March	Y5 residential trip to Stratford
Monday 21st March	The Gonzaga Band performing Renaissance and Baroque music in school to Y4/5.
Wednesday 23rd March	Y4 participate in “Voice in a Million” at Wembley.
Friday 25th March	MUFTI (non-uniform) day. Bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes. All proceeds to School Fund.
Wednesday 6th April	Junior silent disco (during the school day and free of charge.)

**Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April, school closed for the Easter holidays.**

**Children return to school on Monday 25th April**

## Cash in School

We are really trying to limit the amount of cash that we have in school. Wherever possible, please use your ParentPay account to make payment for any relevant items .

If you are unsure of how to use parent pay or have not yet activated your account, please call the school office who will assist you.

Thank you!



# Sydenham Superstars



Reception, Year One & Year Two



Years Three & Four





# Sydenham Superstars



Happy half-term holidays, Everyone!

Have a wonderful break and we'll see you all again on  
Monday 28th February.

Best wishes from Miss Glenny