

# Welcome to Paradise!



Sydenham Primary School  
turns totally tropical for  
book week!

















# Exploring Character

Year One have been text detectives.



What do the illustrations and text tell us about what Grandad is like?

Are there any clues in the text about how Grandad is feeling at different points in the story?



The children drew pictures of Grandad and thought about his personality and feelings.



# Grandad's Island



# Exploring Themes

Reception explored the theme of separation by drawing pictures of people they love and miss.





# Exploring Imaginary Worlds



Year Two thought about gateways to imaginary places. They made mixed media pictures of these magical settings.



## Grandad's Island



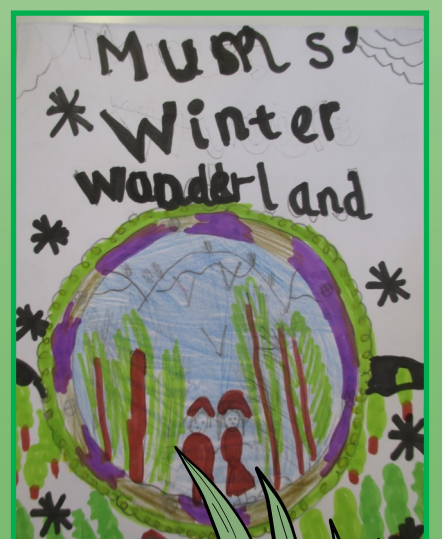
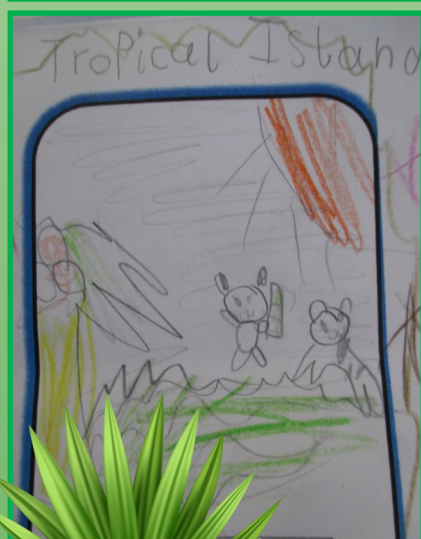
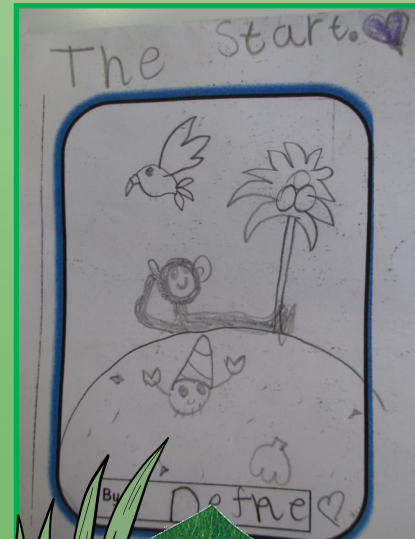
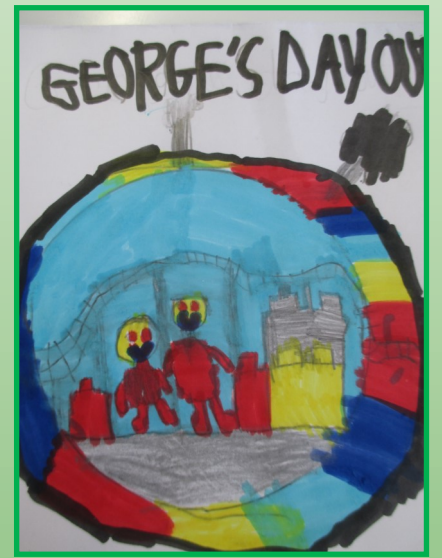
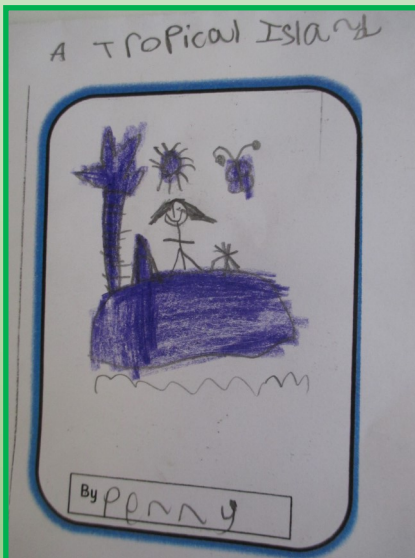
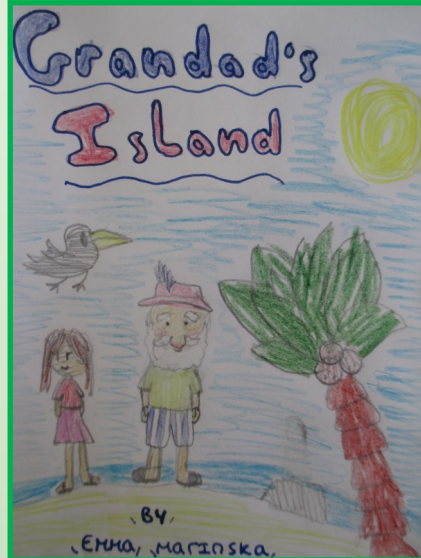
# Exploring Authorship

Look at our lovely books!

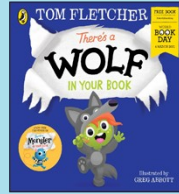
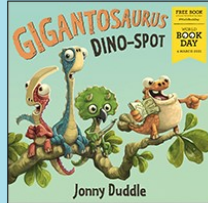
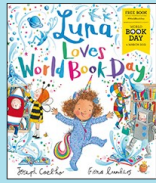


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# The Best Books Ever!

Books, books, everywhere books.

Books are important, amazing and fun,

Relaying our lives everywhere we go.

Books teaching us knowledge and improving children's education,

Helping them through the learning time.

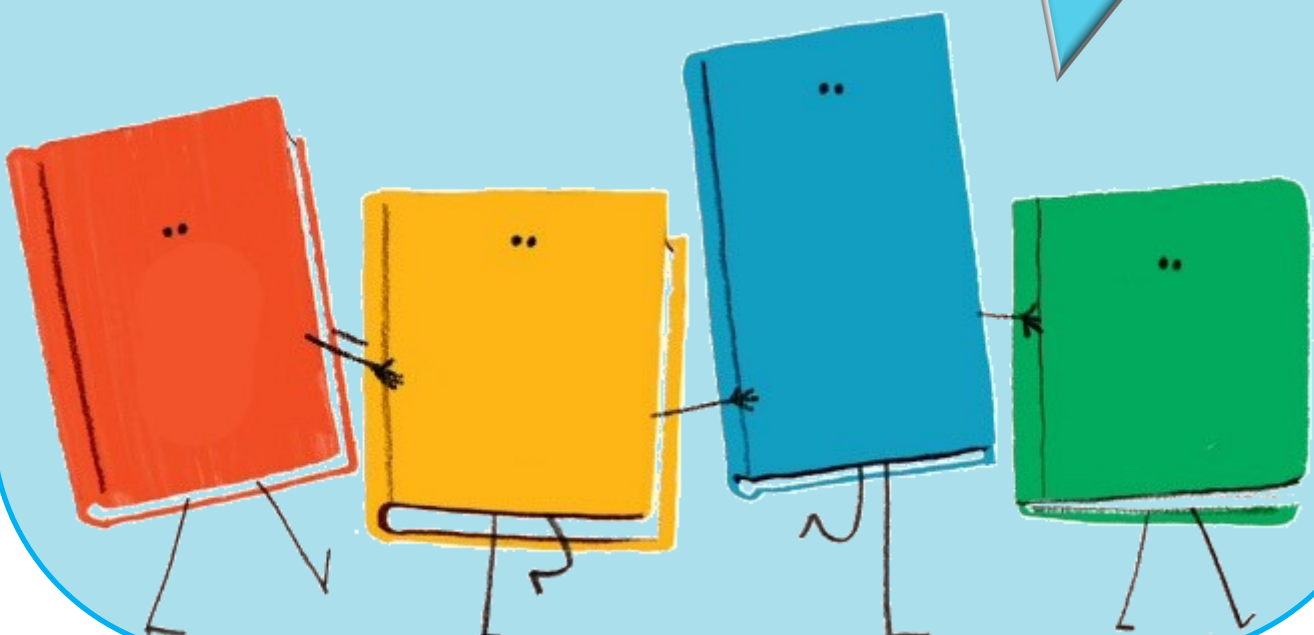
Books are funny to make us laugh,

Books open up doors to imaginary words.

We love you books and we will always shout out your name on World Book Day.

**By Tayyaba Bhatti (Y3)**

We love  
reading!





# Good to See You!



It's been a week of smiles at Sydenham Primary School! After two very long months of remote learning for most families, it was glorious to welcome everyone back through the school gates on Monday. The children were so excited to see their friends again and have wholeheartedly thrown themselves into their learning. It was really heart warming to see the classrooms buzzing with energy and to watch pupils happily playing outside in the Spring sunshine. We hope that all of you who have been managing the dual roles of parent and teacher have been able to grab a little time for yourselves to relax and refresh. Thank you for everything that you've done to support your children over the last eight weeks. We really appreciate it.



# Other Information

## **And the Winner Is...**

The winner of our Festive Word Trail is Jake in Y4 AH. Jake has won a £25 shopping voucher! Congratulations Jake and we hope you buy something nice.

## **Parking**

Now that everyone has returned to school, parking has become an issue once again. Please park safely and within the law. Make sure that your vehicle doesn't mount the pavement as this is dangerous for pedestrians. Please also avoid parking in front of the gate as we have disabled drivers and a school taxi who both need to pull up in this space whilst they wait for the caretaker to open the gates so that they can enter the site. If you see dangerous driving or unlawful parking, please make a report to the police. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

## **Social Distancing**

We appreciate that many children will be excited to see their friends after two months of partial school opening. However, please avoid mingling on the school site or at the school gates. Government advice is that children from different "bubbles" should NOT mix and we have gone to great lengths to put arrangements in place throughout the school day to ensure this guidance is followed. It is counter productive if families then mix on their way in to or out of school. Please remember that most people are still awaiting their vaccination (school staff included!) Any positive cases of Coronavirus will cause bubbles to close and families to self-isolate. Self-isolation is disruptive and can have damaging financial implications for some families so please follow the rules around social distancing.

## **Dropping Off and Picking Up**

Where possible, please ensure that only one parent/carer per family drops off and picks up at the start and finish of the school day. This will help to reduce the flow of traffic on and off site and aid social distancing. Thank you.

## **Diary Dates**

Friday 26th March 2021

MUFTI Day. Bring 50p to come in your own choice of clothes. All proceeds to School Fund.

Thursday 1st April 2021

Last day of the Spring Term.

Friday 2nd April 2021

Good Friday—school closed for a public holiday.

**Monday 5th April—Friday 16th April school closed for the Easter holiday**

Monday 19th April 2021

Pupils return to school for the Summer Term.



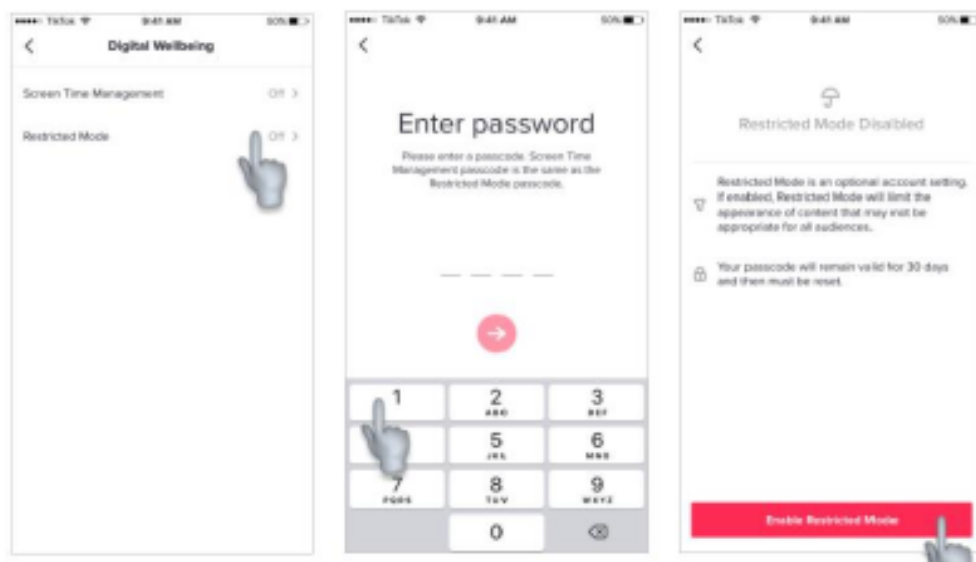
### TikTok



We are certain that many of you are aware of the increased popularity of the mobile app 'TikTok'. TikTok is a social network for sharing user-generated music videos. This app used to be called Musical.ly. User of TikTok should be aged 13 and over. Therefore, children at primary school should not have their own TikTok account. Whilst we recognise that there is a wide range of entertaining content, there is a risk that children can be exposed to inappropriate material. We therefore recommend that children should not be allowed to create their own account and should not be posting videos of themselves on this service.

### **Restricted Mode**

TikTok has created a 'Restricted Mode' on the app. This feature helps to filter out inappropriate content, however this feature is not full proof. Please see below for instructions on how to activate 'Restricted Mode'.



### Fortnite



Fortnite is also an incredibly popular video game that children play. There has been some confusion over the recommended age to play Fortnite. The game's [PEGI rating is 12](#).

Whilst we are aware that many of the children at our schools play Fortnite, it is important that parents remain vigilant in ensuring that your child/children are safe whilst doing so. Whilst playing the game, children can easily speak to strangers, who may be a lot older than them. As a result, children be exposed to very inappropriate language and behaviour. We strongly recommend that you visit this link – [Fortnite Parental Controls](#) to find out more about how you can keep your child/children safe whilst playing this game.



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**EASTER HOLIDAY VENUE**

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*Our Leamington venues will be back open soon.....*



# Here's what's happening

# Easter Holidays

## 6th - 16th April 2021

Arts & Crafts, Dance, Multisports, STEAM, (Fun Science Experiments!)  
Forest School Activities\* and Easter Egg Hunts!

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.
9am - 5.30pm	£25.95	Includes a drink and a biscuit at 3.45pm plus a wrap and fruit at teatime.

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for my children"*

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Find out more and to book a place at our other venues:

**Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School**, Kingsley Road Bishop's Tachbrook BACK OPEN SOON...

**Kingsley Prep School**, Beauchamp Ave, Leamington Spa. CV32 5RD. BACK OPEN SOON...

**Priors Field Primary School**, Clinton Lane, Kenilworth. CV8 1BA. OPEN EASTER 2021

**Telford Junior School** 60 Telford Ave, Leamington Spa CV32 7HP BACK OPEN SOON...

**Whitnash Primary School**, Langley Road, Whitnash, Leamington Spa. CV31 2EX. BACK OPEN SOON...

\*Forest School Activities only available at  
Priorsfield Primary School, Kenilworth.

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## Easter Workshops

Under the safety of our Covid 19 policy we will enjoy spending time with friends, socialising again and learning new skills in Singing, Dance and Drama and of course those all important Life Skills!

### EASTER WORKSHOP!

**6TH-9TH APRIL**

**Age:** 6 - 16 year olds

**Time:** 10.00am - 4.00pm

**Cost:** £100 (£75 for siblings)

### JUNIOR EASTER WORKSHOP!



**6TH-9TH APRIL**

**Age:** 4 - 6 year olds

**Time:** 9.00am - 12.00pm

**Cost:** £50 (£35 for siblings)

**Venue:** Arnold Lodge School, Leamington Spa, CV32 5TW

 [stagecoach.co.uk/leamingtonspa](http://stagecoach.co.uk/leamingtonspa)  **01926 702725**

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## World Sleep Day: 19th March 2021

### Information for families

Did you know that sleep can affect your mood, focus, stress levels and physical health? A solid night's sleep is essential for a long and healthy life! [Find out more about why.](#)

#### Parent/carer healthy sleep workshop

Watch this short video from your Warwickshire school nurse team to learn how you can improve the sleep routine of young children and encourage healthy sleep: [youtu.be/c9nApj6IVik](https://youtu.be/c9nApj6IVik)

#### Sleep and mental health

There's close relationship between sleep and mental health. Living with a mental health problems can affect how well you sleep, and poor sleep can have a negative impact on your mental health. [Learn more from Mind.](#)



#### Top tips

[For children with additional needs](#)

[For teens](#)

[For adults](#)



#### Easy read sleep information

[Games for children & young people](#)

[Children's easy read](#)

[Teen & adult easy read](#)

[Sleeping problems](#)



#### Watch videos about sleep

[Are you getting enough sleep?](#)

[Wind Down - switching off](#)

[Simple tips for better sleep](#)

#### Before bed yoga relaxation

Watch a relaxing before bedtime yoga video. It might just help you sleep!

[Children - Kids yoga for better sleep by Cosmic Kids](#)

[Teens and adults - Yoga for bedtime by Adriene](#)

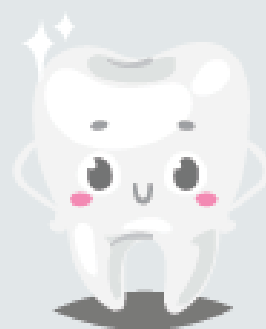






## World Oral Health Day: 20th March 2021

### Activities for children and young people



Good oral health includes brushing, flossing and keeping bacteria under control. Without proper oral hygiene, bacteria levels can rise causing infections such as gum disease and tooth decay.

We must look after our mouths and particularly our teeth. Teeth help us chew and digest food, and they also give our face its shape. Teeth also give us confidence to smile.

### Getting to know oral health

How much do you know about oral health? Do you know how important it is to look after your teeth and mouth? You can find out the fun way by....

- 📖 Reading Professor Hallux's comic. [Read this quirky comic](#) to learn interesting facts about teeth.
- 🎥 Watching fun videos. Professor Hallux takes you on a learning trip to discover more about your mouth and teeth:
  - [The Mouth Walk - the importance of Oral Hygiene](#)
  - [Why do we brush our teeth?](#)
  - [Why do we have bacteria in our mouths?](#)
  - [What happens when you visit the dentist?](#)
- 🎧 Listening to interesting podcasts:
  - [History of dentistry](#)
  - [Fluoride and our teeth](#)
  - [What effect does sugar have on our teeth?](#)
  - [Why clean our teeth?](#)

Visit [Professor Hallux's Dental Depository Fun Kids website](#) to find out more about teeth and oral health.







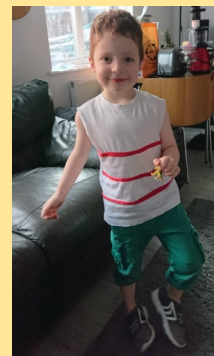
# Sydenham Superstars

## YR LS

**Archie** has been chosen as the YR LS superstar for wearing a brilliant costume inspired by the book "Grandad's Island." Archie came dressed as Syd, wearing a stripy T shirt made by his mum which was just like the one in the book.

## YR HC

The YR HC superstar is **Brian**. Brian has settled so well in to class and has quickly made friends. Despite being new to the country, he joined in with remote learning and worked hard whilst school was closed. What a great start, Brian!



## Y1 EL

Mrs Lee has chosen **Demir** as class superstar. Demir has returned to school with a positive attitude to his learning. This week, he's written a great book all about tropical islands which included interesting facts, full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. Well done!

## Y1 CD

This week's superstar is **Oakley**. Oakley has had a super week in the classroom and has used all of his Learning Characters. He has also been a good talk partner and a helpful member of Y1 CD. Fantastic!

## Y2 RK

The Y2 RK superstar is **Kiara** for seeking challenge in ALL her work and for searching carefully for the right words to express her ideas in her writing. This week, Kiara has spoken her home language loudly and proudly in front of the whole class in order to help a friend and she has also voiced the feelings of many of us in saying 'I'm so happy that we are all back together again.' Fabulous!

## Y2 CP

**Alfie** has returned to class with a bright, beaming smile and is this week's superstar. Alfie has been eager to learn and has produced a lovely book all about his mum. He has tried so hard in all areas of his learning and should be very proud of himself.

## Y3 JL

**Harvey** is the Y3 JL superstar. Harvey has returned to school with a can-do attitude and a big smile on his face. He has really enjoyed our learning on Grandad's Island and produced a magnificent jungle scene which he was very proud of. Well done Harvey and more of the same next week.



# Sydenham Superstars

## Y3 CR

**Millie** has been chosen as Y3 CR superstar. Millie is new to Sydenham and has settled into Year 3 very quickly. She has already made lots of new friends and is working incredibly hard. We are very lucky to have her with us.

## Y4 SM

Mrs Madahar would like to nominate **Chleryl** as the 4SM Superstar this week. Cheryl has returned to school with a positive attitude and enthusiasm for all areas of her learning. She is such a polite and helpful girl too who always shows kindness to others. Well done Cheryl!

## Y4 AH

**Jamiah** is the Y4AH superstar. Jamiah has returned to school with a fantastic work ethic and has given care and attention to all his learning. This week, he has made a beautiful book inspired by "Grandad's Island" and even carried out extra research at home to find interesting facts to include in his work. What fantastic effort!

## Y5 CB

Miss Ball has two superstars this week. **McKenzie** has been chosen for his friendly and helpful behaviour. He has been tidying the classroom, playing nicely and working hard. **James** has impressed with his productivity, energy and enthusiasm for learning. Well done to both boys.

## Y5 JE

Miss Ellershaw has chosen **Prabhpreet** as this week's superstar. Prabhpreet's confidence has absolutely blossomed over the last few weeks and he is now more eager than ever to get involved socially and academically and to keep improving his work. Prabhpreet is making excellent progress with his maths and is putting a huge effort into all other curriculum areas. Well done!

## Y6 JvS

**Reet** has been chosen as the Y6 JvS superstar for throwing herself into her learning this week and impressing the class with her hula dancing! Well done, Reet

## Y6 KG

Miss Gillespie has been so impressed with **Teo** this week that she would like to make him superstar. Teo has produced some wonderful writing in class and has had some very creative ideas. He has also been independent and enthusiastic. Well done, Teo!

**Warmest regards from Miss Glenny.**