



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 6th January 2022

Welcome Back!

I hope you all managed to have a happy, peaceful and healthy Christmas break. The children have done a fantastic job settling back into school and classrooms busy and filled with learning.

The news seems to be full of messages about increasing rates of Covid-19 and the potential problems this could cause. Please rest assured that in school we are doing all we can to minimise the risk of spreading Covid-19 and that maintaining face-to-face learning is our priority.

Southcoates Cultural Mag

Please find a copy of our new Southcoates Cultural Mag which is being sent out today. We have a cultural council in school consisting of children and staff who have worked hard to produce this booklet, so please take a look.

We promote British values and British culture throughout the school, as well as sharing the best of other cultures from all around the world.

Much Ado About Nothing

Years 5 and 6 are learning about William Shakespeare this half term and took part in an RSC Associate School workshop with two actors from the Royal Shakespeare Company. They completed a range of short tasks which enabled them to 'get into role' as a variety of characters from the play 'Much Ado About Nothing'. This really helped them identify and understand the main parts of the play and the relationships between the characters.



Covid Guidance

The government and the Department for Education continue to update their Covid guidance which schools must follow. The key things that we all need to be aware of are:

- As of Tuesday 11th January, a PCR test is not needed to confirm a positive result from a Lateral Flow Test (LFT).
- If you test positive for Covid-19, then you only need to isolate for 7 days (instead of 10), providing you have 2 consecutive days of negative LFT results and you do not have a fever.

A Stitch in Time

Our whole school theme for this half-term is called 'A Stitch in Time'. Each phase will be studying a different period in history linked to this theme.

Early Years - Materials that we use

Years 1 and 2 - Magical Memories

Years 3 and 4 - Fashion in the 1960s

Years 5 and 6 - The Elizabethans

Upcoming Events

Monday 10th January to Friday 20th January: Year Six swimming lessons

Thursday 13th and Thursday 20th January: Years 1 and 2 visits to Streetlife Museum and Hands on History Museum

Weeks beginning Monday 10th January and Monday 14th February: Whole school theme weeks

Week beginning Monday 7th February: E-Safety Week

Week beginning Monday 21st February: Half term holiday

Monday 28th February: School re-opens after break