



# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 27th February 2025

Years 1 and 2

## What did we learn last half term?

Years 1 and 2 have had a fun-filled half term. In our theme 'From Book to Film' we learnt about the history of Walt Disney and were able to plot out his life on a timeline. In English we read Hansel and Gretel and then used our story writing skills to create our own stories based on Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We had to become authors and use our imagination to design our own settings and characters and then think of a beginning, middle and end. In art, we used charcoal and pencils to create sketches of Mickey Mouse. We displayed our beautiful art work in the art exhibition at the end of term.



## What's in the News? Save the Rainforest!

This half term, we will be focusing on the theme 'Save the Rainforest'. In writing, we will immerse ourselves in the story 'The Journey Home'. It is a beautiful story with a powerful message about saving the planet. The children will be writing their own animal stories, letters, fact files and poems. During geography lessons, we will be learning about the 7 continents and 5 oceans along with the directions North, South, East and West. In design technology the children will have the opportunity to create a rainforest animal using their sewing skills. We would be grateful for any adults who may be able to help!



### What can I do at home to help my child?

In years one and two, your weekly homework will include:

- **Spellings to learn** - These will be given on a Friday and tested the following Friday.
- **Reading** - we are aiming for 3 reads!
- **TTRockstars, Numbots and Letterjoin** for at least 15 minutes a week.

This half term our PE days are:

- **Foxes** - Tuesday and Thursday
- **Rabbits** - Tuesday and Thursday
- **Owls** - Tuesday and Thursday

### Attendance

Last term, our whole school attendance was 94%

Class attendance: Owls - 92% Rabbits - 93% Foxes - 97%

### Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 6th March:	World Book Day (Dress as an animal)
Friday 14th March:	Red Nose Day (Wear something red)
Monday 17th March:	WOW Strider mascot visit
Wednesday 26th March:	World Maths Day (dress as a rockstar day)
Wednesday 26th March:	Sports Hall Infant athletics
Wednesday 2nd April:	Gold ticket shop
Wednesday 2nd April:	Inspire afternoon
Friday 4th April:	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April:	School reopens after Easter