



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

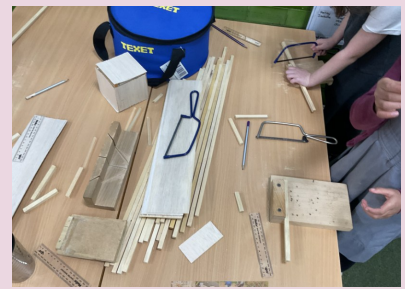
Thursday 9th January, 2025

Years 1 and 2

What did we learn last half term?

Years 1 and 2 have had another busy half term. In our theme 'Hidden Habitats' we learnt about habitats of minibeasts. In English we read the story 'Norman the Slug with the Silly Shell' and wrote our own descriptions of a shell.

In geography, we learnt about physical and human features. We saw a lot of these on our trip to Tophill Low as well as having fun pond dipping. We enjoyed creating our Bug Hotels in Design and Technology - we safely and sensibly used the saws and glue guns.



From Book to Film

This half term, we will be learning about Heroes and Villains in story books and in films.

In writing, the children will rehearse the story of Hansel and Gretel and have the opportunity to write their own traditional tale.

During history lessons, the children will enjoy learning about Walt Disney's life, they will have opportunities to ask questions and to create timelines from centuries before to the present era.

The children will get creative in art and produce an illustration in the style of Uber Iwerks and Walt Disney.



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. Your child will be sent home with their logins

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 **95%**

Class attendance: Owls - 96% Rabbits - 94% Foxes - 95%

Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 7th January:	First day of Spring term
Tuesday 21st January:	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Tuesday 28th January:	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Mon 3rd - Fri 7th February:	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 4th February:	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Wed 5th - Thurs 6th February:	Parents' Evenings
Friday 7th February:	Number Day
Tuesday 11th February:	Safer Internet Day
	Rackets Cubed (Turtles)
Wednesday 12th February:	Art Exhibition
	IntoUniversity Workshop - Year 3
Friday 14th February:	Last day of term
Monday 24th February:	First day of second Spring half term