



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 9th January, 2025

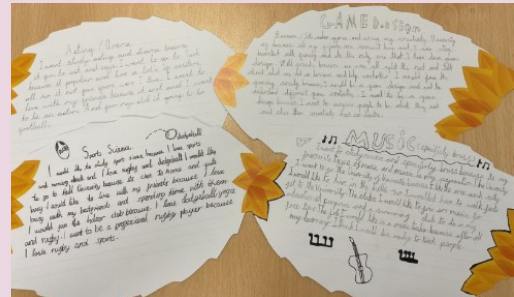
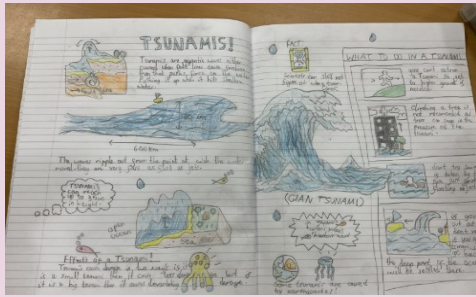
Years 5 and 6

What did we learn about last half term?

Our focus for last half term was Planet Earth: Disaster! In geography, we recapped the continents and oceans of the world, then learned about the causes of natural disasters (including earthquakes and tsunamis). After that, we researched the physical geography of the United Kingdom, Italy and California in order to compare the areas and identify any similarities. In DT, we learned about the techniques which are used to strengthen structures and the designs of engineer Robert Stephenson.

We used this knowledge to design, then construct an earthquake-proof model structure of our own!

Of course, there were all the festive activities during the last week of term, including the carol concert, Inspire afternoon, party day, Magic Carpet, Christingle and the annual 'Southcoates Has Talent' show. It was a very busy seven weeks!



What are we learning this half term?

This half term, we will be reading Hamlet by Shakespeare. We will be looking at the characters and writing a poem, a monologue from Hamlet's point of view and a story.

In history, we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons. We will look at when and why they invaded Britain and how they lived when they settled here. We will be acting like historians to interrogate artefacts to see what we can find out about Anglo-Saxon people.

In art, we will be learning about the artist Rembrandt. We will be using acrylic paints to paint our own portrait of an Anglo-Saxon man or woman.



What Can You Do to Help at Home?

In Year 5/6, your weekly homework will include:

- Six spellings to learn (These will be given on a Friday and tested the following Friday).
- Three reads
- Access TTRockstars for at least 15 minutes a week.

This half term our PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays.

Attendance

Last term, our whole school attendance was **95%**

Class attendance: Giraffes - 96% Pandas - 97% Rhinos - 94%

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