



Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 7th November, 2024

Years 5 and 6

What did we learn about last half term?

Last half term, we learnt about Ancient Greece. In English, we read the myth of Theseus and The Minotaur. We used this text as inspiration to write a setting description about the Labyrinth!

In history, we learnt about democracy in Ancient Greece, how different states in Ancient Greece were governed and ruled, attitudes and beliefs of men, women and children during the Ancient Greek period as well as comparing this to the modern day. In Art, we looked at the artist Donatello and used his work as inspiration to design and create a vase or bowl.



In PE, Coach Connor did 'Let's Move' with us. We learnt about health eating, healthy bodies and even made fruit kebabs!

What are we learning this half term?

Our focus for this half term is Planet Earth: Disaster! In geography, we will be recapping the continents and oceans of the world before learning about the causes of natural disasters (including earthquakes and tsunamis). We will then compare the physical geography of the United Kingdom to Europe and North America, with a particular focus on mountainous areas. In DT, we will be learning about the techniques which are used to strengthen structures and will look at the designs of engineer Robert Stephenson. We will use this knowledge to design, then construct an earthquake-proof model structure of our own!

In English we will be writing a diary entry from the perspective of someone who has experienced an earthquake.



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.

Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 6th November:	Y1 and Reception balance bikes (every Weds.)
Mon 11th - Fri 15th November:	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 11th - Fri 15th November:	Year Six IntoUniversity workshop (Miss Reed's set)
Tuesday 13th November:	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 13th November:	Owl Class visit to Tophill Low Nature Reserve
Friday 15th November:	Children in Need day
Tuesday 19th November:	Rabbit Class visit to Tophill Low Nature Reserve
Wednesday 20th November:	Fox Class visit to Tophill Low Nature Reserve
Mon 25th - Fri 29th November:	Year Six IntoUniversity workshop (Mr Kemp's set)
Thursday 12th December:	Early Years Nativity Performance (afternoon)
Monday 16th December:	Gold Ticket Shop and Inspire Afternoon
Tuesday 17th December:	Carol Performance (afternoon)
Wednesday 18th December:	Christmas Dinner and Party Afternoon
Thursday 19th December:	Magic Carpet Theatre Show
Friday 20th December:	Southcoates Talent Show
	Last day of term
Tuesday 7th January:	First day of spring term