SANDRIDGE WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 25th April 2025

The attendance winners for this week are Year 1, 2 & 4 with 100%



Number of late in each class this week:

No lates	**Year 1, Year 4**
1 late	**Reception, Year 6**
2 lates	**Year 2, Year 3**
3 lates	**Year 5**



‘Head’lines (Miss Lisa Roberts, Headteacher)

Welcome back everyone – I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break whether at home or abroad. It was lovely to have so much sunshine – this time last year we had a very cold start to the Summer term!

Attached to today’s newsletter is the ‘events & dates’ sheet – it’s always a very busy term with a lot of events and activities so please do have a close look and make a note of any relevant events/dates/times.

This week, I have met with class teachers to discuss pupil performance based on the end of Spring data – it is always good to see the amount of progress children have made over the two terms, especially in their writing. Writing is one of our school development priorities, this year, and we are beginning to see the impact of our new writing and handwriting schemes. Obviously, it takes time to embed and also to transfer these skills across to other subjects but we are pleased with the progress made so far.

Teachers have worked on their termly curriculum letters/information – these will be sent out on Monday and also be uploaded to the Curriculum Information section on our website.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the good weather ☺

Parent Reading Sessions

Wednesday mornings on the Library Bus from 8:40-9:00a.m
(these are also included in Term and Event Dates and on our website)

Wednesday 30th April	Year 2
Wednesday 7th May	Year 1
Wednesday 14th May	Reception
Wednesday 21st May	Year 6
Wednesday 4th June	Year 5
Wednesday 11th June	Year 4
Wednesday 18th June	Year 3
Wednesday 25th June	Year 2
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 1
Wednesday 9th July	Reception & Y6 buddy reading with parents

FOSS

On Thursday 8th May, FOSS will be putting on a Movie Night for the children.
They can come back to school in their PJs with their teddies for a fun and cosy movie night with their friends.
Choose the movie they would like to watch from the following selection when booking their ticket:



Sing 2 (U)
Inside Out 2 (U)
Sonic 3 (PG)



All tickets are £5 and popcorn is included in the price. The event runs from 5-7pm.

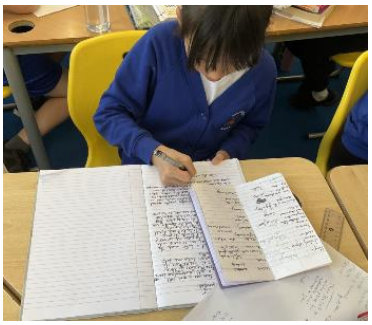
Book your tickets here https://pta.events/movienight or via the QR code below.

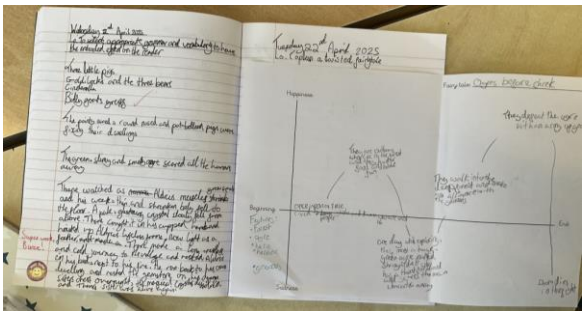


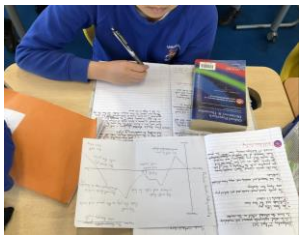
Year 6

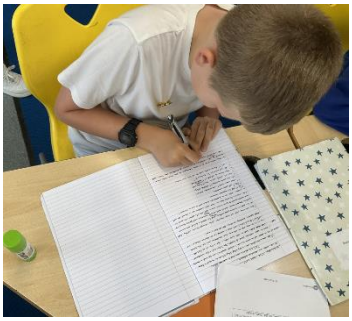
In English, this week, we have been focusing on a specific writing style: fairy tales. We have been planning and creating story lines of our own based on what we had learnt previously. This includes high-level descriptive language and vocabulary like the power of three. We used this to vary emotion and description throughout the narrative. The class had a wide range of types of fairy tales varying from the traditional to a more abstract and unique take. We have really enjoyed this unit and can't wait to create our finishing pieces.

By Jinane and Mollie-Mae









Year 5

In our unit of work based on art installations, we have learnt about the work of artist Cai Guo-Qiang. Considering the display space and scale of an artwork, and how it affects the viewer, we created a scaled-down version of an installation similar to Guo-Qiang's gunpowder drawings.

Cai Guo-Qiang's work is created using gunpowder explosions and is carefully planned by placing objects in certain places to act as stencils. We experimented with similar techniques, positioning stencils inside a box and then applying materials such as charcoal, rice, bubble wrap and paint. The box was then photographed to appear like a life-sized room. It enabled us to imagine what our installation space would look like to a visitor (real live Playmobil people).

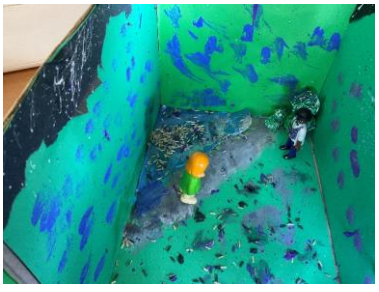












Year 4

Over the last two lessons in Science, we have been learning about the digestive system. In the last lesson, we made a physical version of the digestive system where we had to mix food, water and orange juice (stomach acid) into a bag (the stomach) and pass it through some tights (the intestines). We then squeezed out the water to represent what happens in the large intestine which resulted in a more solid lump (faeces) being left in the bottom of the tights. We then squeezed it out of the bottom to replicate what happens when we go to the toilet!
This week, we had to draw around the head and body of a person and put the parts of the digestive system in the correct place. We then had to label each part and explain their function.





Year 2

This week in maths we have been learning all about measurement. We started the week reviewing non-standard units of measurement. We remembered that previously we have used objects like cubes to help us measure and then we drew around our hands and cut them out and used these to measure different objects around the school. Then we started to learn about standard unit of measurement beginning with centimetres and then learning about metres. We enjoyed working as a team using metre sticks to measure the length of the classroom and then the hall and then we learnt how trundle wheels can be used to measure the length large spaces more easily.








Year 3

On the first day back after the holiday, Year 3 went on a trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge to launch the start of their Ancient Egyptian topic. The children were a credit to the school and there was so much wonder in their faces as they explored the exhibits. It was the first time in a museum for some and many have reported wanting to take their parents now because there was more that we didn't get to see on our trip.

The start of the trip began with a talk given by one of the museum educators who told us all about the key artefacts in the Egyptian Galleries. We then had some time to complete some challenge tasks where we had to find the answers in the cases. In the afternoon we looked in the armoury and had a go at sketching the things that interested us.

"I learnt that the Pharaoh wears a fake beard because they thought a beard would make you wise." - Imogen

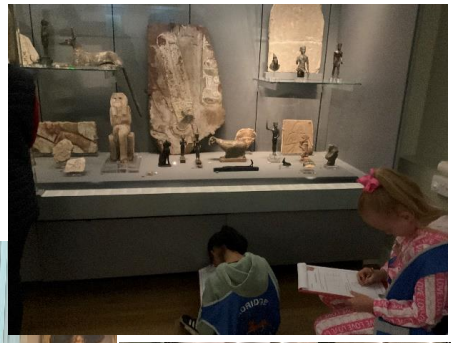
"They thought the brain was useless. The kept the other things in jars but threw the brain away. I was excited when I found the stone pots that they put children inside." - Oscar T

"I didn't know that some of the Gods and Goddesses were animals. I was excited when I found a miniature pyramid. I really liked the day." - Sophie S

"I didn't know that the crown was made from horns and feathers; and that the yellow disc on the crown was called a sun disc. It was my first ever museum trip so I found everything exciting and fascinating." – Seth










Year 1

We started our new English unit this week looking at narrative writing focusing on the books 'Martha Maps it Out' and 'Madlenka' These books look at the characters local areas and maps. We have enjoyed spending time looking at a range of books with maps in and we also drew a map of the school which we then labelled using nouns.








Reception

This week we continued to notice our spring tulips flowering after planting the bulbs in October. We noticed that our 'Columbus' tulips flowered before our holiday and now our 'Queen of the Night' Tulips have flowered too!





On St Georges Day we learned about St George and how he and his shield are linked to England and our flag. We also learnt about the other countries near us in the United Kingdom. We found Sandridge and St Albans on the map and looked at the United Kingdom on the globe. We also considered where people have travelled to on our globe and United Kingdom map too. We made shields, swords and flags as an introduction to our mini castle topic.








The following children celebrated their birthdays this week:

Sara, Liam, Neta



Phenomenal Phonics awards

Year R: Mahnaz
Year 1: Cherry
Year 2: Demi



Star Writer awards

Year R: Mia
Year 1: Zahra
Year 2: Taliyah
Year 3: Disen
Year 4: Aras
Year 5 Kamron
Year 6: Henry



Times Tables Rock Stars Award

Year 4



REPS Certificates (Respect, Equality, Perseverance, Self-belief)



Demonstrating all of the REPS qualities all of the time! Avraaj

Showing such amazing resilience and perseverance this week in guided reading: Sophie K

Always showing such perseverance and self-belief with every task you are given: Elliott

Meeting so many of your targets in one week! Yunus

Showing more self-belief in maths and supporting others who needed help: Freddie

Demonstrating perseverance and self-belief in all her learning this week: Hannah

Persevering in her learning and growing in confidence especially in maths: Ariella

Certificates of Merit



Showing really good progress with all his learning this week: Hugo

Coming back after Easter with such a fantastic attitude to your learning: Ewan

Such fantastic reading this week recognising words and reading them confidently: Shahnaz

Making amazing contributions both at the museum and when we were retelling back at school: Oscar T

Using and applying past knowledge in Science: Sara

Active participation in all her learning this week, particularly maths: Cece

Returning to school with a brilliant attitude to learning and building on her success: Tuba

Sport Certificates



Fantastic confidence, balancing and co-ordination in gymnastics this week: Pip

Working hard in PE when looking at running at different speeds this week: Reuben

Amazing us all and being our rope climbing champion in gymnastics: Ettie

Having a really positive attitude in tennis this week: Sama

Superb rope climbing and independent roll in gymnastics: James

Excellent all-round work in PE: Theo

Supporting the younger years' football game during lunchtime so well: Spencer

Representing the school so brilliantly at the Year 5 6-a-side prelims: Theo, Oscar, Soulayman, Kam, Meral, Jerome, Hugh