

Year 1 Newsletter 27.6.25



The children have been very busy over the last two weeks. We had a fabulous afternoon for our Sport's Day last week. It was brilliant to hear the children cheering each other on as they took part in running and egg and spoon races as well as javelin throwing, a water challenge and the obstacle course. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers cheering the children on and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Transition

Next week the children will have the opportunity to meet their Year 2 teacher. On Wednesday they will go to their new classroom to spend the day there, where we know they will have a fabulous time. We are working with the children to identify any questions or worries they have and finding answers and strategies together to help them. Please drop off and pick up your children as usual from the Year 1 door.

Curriculum

We have begun our final unit of French for this year 'Les super-héros'. We have been practicing our numbers, learning colours and also some action words to describe what they superheroes can do.



As part of our science we are continuing to look after our growing vegetables. We have now harvested the mange tout several times and use it as part of our snack alongside the fruit and vegetables provided by the kitchen.

This week we also learned about the diets of different animals and learned some new vocabulary—carnivore, herbivore and omnivore. We also became scatologists, studying some mystery animal scat to find out what the animal had been eating to help us decide what type of animal it might have been. This was also an excellent opportunity to practice our oracy skills and 'talk like a

Herbivore	Carnivore	Omnivore
Animals that eat plants.	Animals that eat meat.	Animals that eat both plants and meat.

scientist' using sentence starters like:

I think ... belongs... because...

I agree that... because I know...

I disagree with ... because I know...

I know that... but I am not sure if...

The children really embraced this new skill and it was wonderful to hear them offering their explanations, agreeing and disagreeing with each other and backing it up with evidence—how grown up!

The Duckling Project

Despite only one egg hatching in the end, our duckling currently named 'Rita the tweeter' is enjoying life in Year 1 and is being cared for brilliantly by the children. The duckling particularly loves when the children chat to her and when we are busy in our classrooms she certainly lets us know that she is still there! Once she is a little bigger she will head off to the farm where the eggs originally came from ready to meet lots of new duck friends and there is lots of room for her to explore and a pond to swim in too. We love receiving updates from the farm to see how much the ducklings grow and see them in their new environment.



Trips

We were delighted to have the opportunity to visit two different schools this week. Half of the children went to a rounders festival at Whitley Lodge First School, while the other half took part in an art lesson at Valley Gardens Middle School. The children were excellent ambassadors for Southridge and it is always lovely to see them joining in with something new. We are looking forward to our trip to the Glasshouse and Great North Museum next week and have been busy practicing our singing ready for the trip.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 1st July—New to Year 2, informal drop-in 3.30-5pm

Tuesday 1st July—Year 1 trip to The Glasshouse to take part in 'The Big Sing for Mini Singers'.

Friday 4th July—Summer Fair 3:30pm

Tuesday 15th July 2:15pm singing performance for parents/carers

Friday 18th July—last day of term



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