

Year 1 Newsletter 12.6.26



We are two weeks into our final term of Year 1 and the children are enjoying all that we have to offer. We are ever hopeful for some warm weather in the forecast, so please remember to bring in a sun hat, your water bottles and apply your sun cream every morning and of course ensure children always bring a coat for any unexpected showers, so we can continue to enjoy some of our learning outdoors.



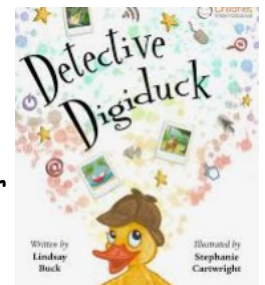
Curriculum



In Geography, we have launched our new topic, 'Why do we love to live beside the seaside?'. We were introduced to the new vocabulary *coastal*, *rural*, and *urban* and sorted pictures to demonstrate our understanding. We then thought about all the things we enjoy doing at the seaside and the children created a picture of their favourite things to do at the beach.

In music we have been continuing to feel the pulse, the musical heartbeat, by moving in different ways to the music. We are also learning about pitch, how high or low a sound is. As we prepare for our trip to the Glasshouse we are also continuing to learn our new songs, some of them we are even learning to sing in 2 parts!

As part of our e-safety for this half term, we listened to the story 'Detective Digiduck' to help us understand how to identify reliable information when we are online. We learned that we should check information we find on line by: asking an expert; asking a trusted adult; or checking another website to see if we get the same information.



In RE, we have continued our learning about Buddhism and thoroughly enjoyed creating mandala patterns using salt dough and natural materials. This creative activity helped us feel calm and focused, linking beautifully to the idea of meditation in Buddhism.

Our PSHE this half term focuses on 'Changing Me', and we have begun by thinking about how animals change from a baby into an adult and we were introduced to the idea of a lifecycle. We loved looking at pictures of Miss Cassidy at different stages of her life, it took us a while to realise who it was! As part of our PSHE we are going to be asking the children to think about how they have changed. To support this, we would love it if you could send us a picture of your child when they were younger, this does not have to be a baby photo, just a picture that shows how they have changed. If sending a picture in please put your child's name on the back. Alternatively you can email a picture to your child's teacher and we will print them (karen.pringle@southridgefirst.org.uk or Catherine.cassidy@southridgefirst.org.uk). Many thanks for your support.

As part of our science we have been up to check how our beetroot is growing in the raised bed. We discovered quite a few weeds had sprung up over the holidays so it needed a little bit of extra work but we soon had them pulled out. We then practiced using our maths knowledge of capacity and volume to fill or half fill containers so that we could water the growing plants.

Trip to The Baltic and The Glasshouse

As you know, on Thursday 2nd July, we are taking the children to spend the morning at the Glasshouse to take part in the 'The Big Sing for Mini Singers', followed by a visit to the Baltic Art Gallery in the afternoon. The children have been busy practicing the songs we will sing at the event, the theme of which is 'Journeys'. As we are only able to take a limited number of additional adults with us on the trip, we would like to invite you to join us in school on Tuesday 14th July at 2:15pm where the children will perform some of their repertoire of songs for you to enjoy. We really hope you will be able to join us and hope it will be a joyous way to end a fabulous year with your children.



Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to help us on the trip. We are limited by the number of adults we are allowed to bring to the event at the Glasshouse so we hope you understand that if more parents/carers offer their support than we have space for we will not be able to accommodate everyone.

Phonic Screener

We were very proud of all the children this week as they wowed us with their phonic knowledge during our phonic screener checks. While we do not yet know the threshold score, we could not be more proud of them, their hard work really has paid off. Their scores will be reported to you with their end of year reports.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th June - Year 1 Sports Day 2pm

Tuesday 30th June—New to Year 2, informal drop-in 3.30-4:30pm

Wednesday 1st July—Transition day

Thursday 2nd July—Year 1 trip to The Glasshouse to take part in 'The Big Sing for Mini Singers'.

Friday 3rd July—Summer Fair 3:30pm

Tuesday 14th July 2:30pm singing performance for parents/carers

Friday 17th July—last day of term



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