

Year 1 Newsletter 10.07.26



As we have nearly reached the end of the year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the children for their incredible hard work this year. They have been amazing and we could not be more proud of them. We know they are ready for the challenges of

Year 2 and have no doubt they will continue to do their best. We would like to extend our thanks to all of their families too for the support you have given both at school and at home. We hope you all enjoy a much deserved summer break.

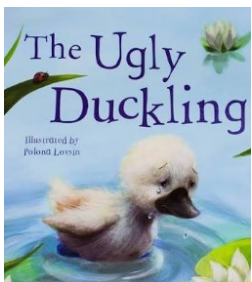


Curriculum



To finish our geography unit we looked at the question 'Where in the world is Whitley Bay?' We had to talk like a geographer to describe exactly where we would find Whitley Bay by zooming in from a world map, to the continent of Europe, then to Great Britain and finally to the North-East of England. We enjoyed using atlases to find the capital city of each country of Great Britain. Finally we linked back to our history from last half term, making a comparison of holidays in the past and holidays today and see how they have changed and why.

To finish our learning on seasonal change in science, we will be looking at the weather charts we have been keeping this year. We have been tracking what the weather is like each day and will use our monthly tally charts to look for patterns when answering the question 'In which season does it rain the most?'



In English we have been dramatizing the story of 'The Ugly Duckling'. We have acted out this wishing tale, looked more closely at how the Ugly Duckling is feeling and what he might be thinking, and practised using capital letters for names as we gave each duckling a name and described them. Our final challenge will be to plan and write our own wishing tale using all the skills we have learned in year 1.

In DT we are working towards making our own fruit salads. So far, we have learned the difference between fruit and vegetables and thought about which part of the plant we eat and where it grows. To finish off this unit next week, we will learn how to use a knife to cut safely, beginning with some play dough. The children will then have the opportunity to try a range of different fruits before designing their own fruit salad, including some colourful packaging. They will then use their cutting skills to cut their chosen fruits into pieces, before enjoying the fruits of their labour!



Reading

Next week we will be collecting in all of our reading books. If you have any at home that have accidentally been left behind during the year, please send these in. During the holidays please continue to enjoy a wide range of books with your child and encourage them to keep spotting words and sounds as you are out and about. This will help them get off to a fabulous start in Year 2.



Rounders Tournament

A huge well done to all of our Year 1 children who took part in today's rounders games at Whitley Lodge. The children demonstrated excellent teamwork, enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event, and they should be incredibly proud of themselves. We are certainly very proud of them!

At Southridge, we value every opportunity for children to represent our school. Whether they are taking part in sport, performing arts or other enrichment activities, we know how important these experiences are in developing confidence, resilience and a sense of belonging. It is always a privilege to see our children representing Southridge so positively in the wider community.

We would also like to explain to parents that, as children move through school, it is not always possible for every child to attend every sporting event. Many of the tournaments and festivals we are invited to take part in have limited places and simply do not have the capacity for all children to attend on each occasion. To ensure fairness, teaching staff keep records of every opportunity children have to represent the school from Year 1 through to the end of Year 4. This helps us to ensure that all children have opportunities to take part in a range of events over their time at Southridge, whether that is tag rugby, orienteering, athletics, gymnastics, dance, rounders or any of the many other sporting opportunities that arise throughout the year.

We appreciate that, whilst this process was clearly explained to the children in school, it was not communicated to parents ahead of today's tournament. We recognise that sharing this information in advance may have helped families to discuss and manage any disappointment children may have felt if they were not selected for this particular event. We will ensure that this information is communicated more clearly with parents in future.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our sporting programme and for helping us celebrate the achievements of all our young athletes.



Glasshouse Trip

We enjoyed a wonderful visit to The Glasshouse last Thursday where the children fully embraced a joyful morning of singing with children from other schools which was lots of fun. We then took some time in the afternoon to explore the Baltic art gallery and create our own sketches of the river and the bridges. We are very much looking forward to sharing our songs with you next Tuesday afternoon if you can make it.

Dates for your diary

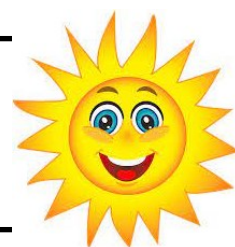
Tuesday 14th July 2:30pm singing performance for parents/carers

Friday 17th July—last day of term

Tuesday 1st September—Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 2nd September—Children return to school

Have a fabulous summer!



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