



SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL

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During the last few weeks we've had some very interesting visitors in school!

Zoo Lab – Children in Year 1 and 4 enjoyed a workshop with Zoo Lab last week. They brought in some 'amazing animals' for Year 1 to see and those which you would find in the rainforest for our Year 4 children - all linked to their topics. Our children listened and looked very carefully and enjoyed the 'hands -on' aspect of handling some of the creatures e.g. giant stick insects. African snails, tortoises, snakes, cockroaches and tarantulas!



Monday 28th January
Can I work with a partner to solve mathematical problems?

The King of Conundrum lost his crystal in the magic water fountain. We had to help get it back by completing a series of mathematical problems where we earned smaller crystals to displace the larger one. We had to work with a partner to build our resilience in order to do this task.

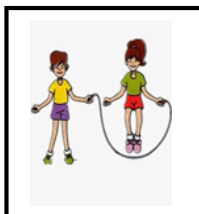


The Crystal Conundrum - a Maths Problem Solving Day.

On Monday Year 3 and 4 had an exciting day as part of an inspirational and motivating puzzle event delivered by Liz Bailey. The children worked in pairs to solve a series of logic activities, puzzles and spatial problems, earning crystals along the way. This was an inspirational way to develop maths mastery and deepen the children's learning. At the end the crystals were placed into the crystal fountain enabling a large floating crystal to be rescued, thus solving 'The Crystal Conundrum'.

Super Skippers!

Year 2 have enjoyed a coaching session on skipping - they are certainly getting fitter and training hard for a skipping festival later in the year.



Friends of Southridge - our PTA met this afternoon and elected a new Chair - Kayleigh Brown a Year 1 parent. We thanked Annabelle Jennings again for her wonderful efforts over the last 4 years.

The PTA will be funding additional play equipment for the children to use at break and lunchtimes on the field - a pirate ship and a climbing wall.

Planning also continued for the Mothers Day Gift Shop and Summer Fair.

We are very lucky to have the support of the PTA Committee and on behalf of the staff I would like to thank them and all of our parents who support the events they organise.



Book Look -

Year 1 on Monday 4th February at 9am

Year 2 on Wednesday 6th February at 9am

You have been invited to visit school next week so your child can show you their books. Please don't worry if you are unable to pop in on the day as you will also have the opportunity to see your child's books at Parent's Evening after half-term.



Attendance - We are monitoring Attendance on a weekly basis in each class and year group.

Attendance Cup Winners



Week 3: Mr Willcock's class

Week 4: Miss Flitcroft's class

Attendance Stars (Yr Gp)



Week 3: Year 1

Week 4: Year 3

After School Clubs -

A reminder that next week is the last week of Block 1. Block 2 starts straight after the half-term holiday and letters were sent out at in January with club allocations on.



Pupil Progress Updates -

A text /email was sent out today with a link on to sign up via Teachers2Parents for appointments to see the classteacher in March.

Bad weather procedures -

In the event of snow please check our school website for updates. We will only post closure on the website and text you via teachers2parents in the event of a school closure, **otherwise please always assume school is open.**

Diary dates -

Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 5th February

Year 3 - Visit to Segedunum on Friday 8th February

Year 4 - Fencing Festival on Friday 8th February

Year 3 Book Look at 9am on Tuesday 12th February

Year 4 Book Look at 9am on Wednesday 13th February

Break up for half-term on Friday 15th February