



South Grove Primary School

NEWSLETTER 17 2024-2025



20th January 2025

Dear parents and carers

STARS OF THE WEEK W/C 20.1.25

N- AM	AAYAT	3B	SAFA
N - PM	GABRIELA	3H	YIGIT
RR	LILA	4P	ZUHAIN, MARIA & YASMINE
RS	UZAIR	4SH	JINXI
1L	AIYAH	5A	IBRAHIM
1W	ASHTON	5G	ALEEZA
2DM	MARYAM	6F	AROUSH
2F	AURORA	6M	EESAH

PLM BLAKE

SPORTS STARS - NADIA Y1 & ANIYA Y5



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY W/C 13.1.25

Best Attendance 😊 **6F 98.6%**

Best Punctuality 😊 **6F**

Class that needs to improve their attendance **RS 87.4%**

Class that needs to improve their punctuality **2DM**

Overall School Attendance this year = 94.7%

BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH



Mr Combe shared his love of bird watching with the children during whole school assembly on Friday. The children were really interested and, perhaps for some, their first time interest was due to the feathery friends we had visit us a week ago. They were a pair of Egyptian Geese who arrived on our playing field and were very happy to spend time with us all during playtimes and lunchtimes with a line of small humans watching, fascinated as the geese pecked at the frozen grass.

Mr Combe shared which is his favourite bird, the Artic Tern, and why. The children were able to identify more common birds from the garden and also birds of prey.

So why spend time talking about our feathered friends? Well, the Big Garden Birdwatch is coming up...

What is Big Garden Birdwatch?

Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers like you take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

The children were encouraged to take part between 24th and 26th January.



The Big Garden Bird Watch

• <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBvIFPnicGc>

How to take part

- Get your free guide and stock up on supplies, with 20% off and free delivery on food and feeders at the RSPB shop.
- Spend an hour watching the birds in your patch, between 24 and 26 January, and record the birds that land.
- Tell us what you saw (even if that's nothing at all! You can submit your results online or by post).



Choose an hour between 24 and 26 January



Only record the birds that land in your patch



Record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time

Here's how to get involved:

To keep the interest alive with the children after this event, Mr Combe is intending to develop part of our Secret Garden creating an area to attract birds so that the children can continue to bird watch.

We are really all hoping that our Egyptian Geese return to see us.....



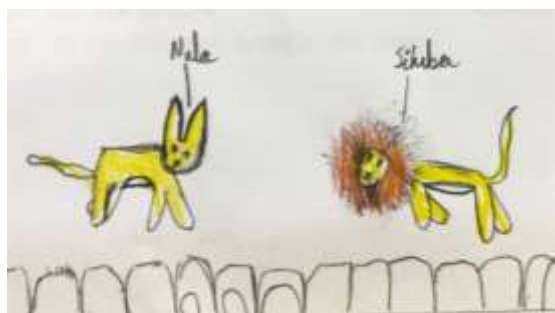
Last Wednesday, a group of excited Year 4 children, staff and parents set off on a special adventure to London's West End to watch the spectacular musical *The Lion King*. They entered the theatre eager to experience the magic of the stage.

As the lights dimmed and the music began, the audience was immediately transported to the African savannah, where they followed the journey of Simba, the young lion prince. The fabulous costumes, breath-taking puppetry and incredible choreography were all amazing. The vibrant animals, from the graceful giraffes to the cheeky meerkats, seemed to leap off the stage, making the audience feel as though they were part of the story.

The children were mesmerized by the songs they knew so well, like *Circle of Life* and *Hakuna Matata*, singing along in their seats. They laughed at Timon and Pumbaa's antics and gasped as Simba bravely faced his destiny. The energy in the theatre was infectious, and the children could hardly believe how real everything seemed.

After the final curtain call, the children's faces were glowing with excitement and joy. On the way home on the tube they couldn't stop talking about their favourite parts of the show, from the stunning opening sequence to the heart-warming finale. Hopefully, it was a day they would never forget—a magical experience that brought the characters of *The Lion King* to life in a way they had never imagined.

Thank you to Ms Forbes for organising the trip which gave some of the children their first opportunity to experience live theatre, and reminded them all of the power of storytelling, the beauty of music, and the joy of shared experiences! We hope they will have made memories that will last a lifetime.



What I learnt I haven't been to the theatre because I'm going to this was a great experience for me

What I learnt I learnt that this experience is very good because I can't go to the theatre every week.

**MAKATON SIGN
OF THE WEEK:
SOUP**



Don't Forget!
No Karate this week
Karate Club starts 31.1.25



With my very best wishes

J. Maltwood.
Julie Maltwood
Headteacher



Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child Is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

SOUTH GROVE LEARNING GALLERY!

Nursery

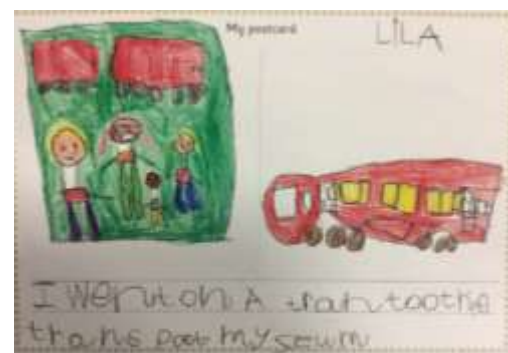
Last week in Nursery, we were reading 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What do you Hear?', and thinking about the different sounds animals make, as well as the sounds we can hear in our own environment. We made masks of some of the animals from the story to help with our wonderful impressions! We also made a fantastic, shiny arctic collage, to help the polar bear feel at home, after we learnt that it lives in snowy places. Finally, we also continued to learn about numbers and numerals, working with grown-ups were able to order some magnetic numbers.



Reception

In Reception we continued learning about TRANSPORT, and we explored the use of different forms of transport that can take us on journeys. Children brought in photographs of a trip or holiday they had taken with their families and presented to the class. We also made postcards explaining what we had done on our trips, we drew pictures and used our phonics to write words and sentences.

In maths we learnt about 3D shapes, and their properties, we will use this knowledge to make models of buses, trains, scooters and cars. We also looked for 3D shapes in the environment and recorded them on a tally chart. On Friday in PE we explored balancing, using the story of Tilly the Train to practise balancing and moving along a line. It has been a busy week!



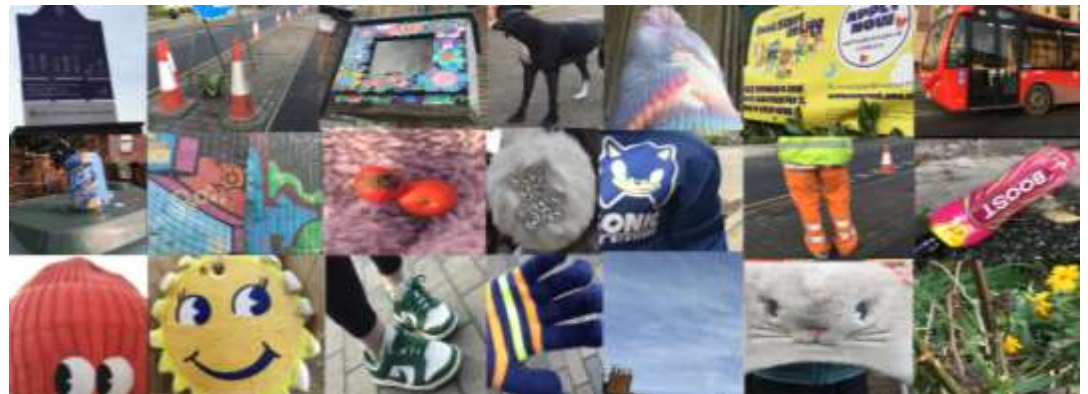
Year 1

Last week Year 1 started some new learning about place value, exploring teen numbers. This is an important concept in maths and will help underpin lots of learning as the children continue with numbers beyond ten so we worked really hard on it, using lots of different manipulatives to explore 2- digit numbers beginning with a 1. 1L also began their Design and Technology projects, learning about joining junk modelling through the technique of; Papier Mache. We are looking forward to seeing how these 3D sculptures come to life!



Year 2

In Year 2 in Art, we went on a 'Colour Walk' and looked for things in every colour of the rainbow. In History we compared London in the 'Present' to London in 1666. And then we went back in time to 1666 when 'The Great Fire of London' happened on Pudding Lane.



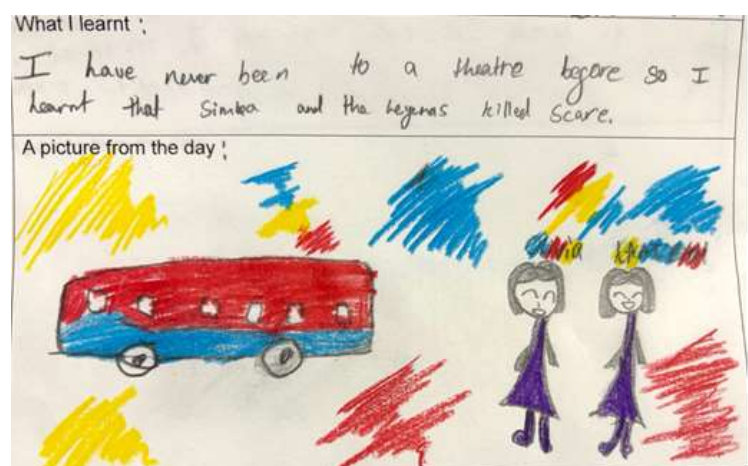
Year 3

Last week, the children were learning to classify rocks. They have observed characteristics like colour, texture and hardness to sort rocks into categories such as igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic.



Year 4

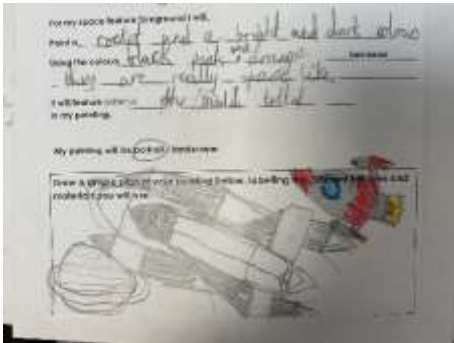
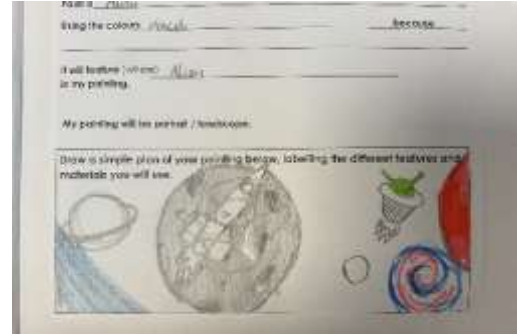
Last week, Year 4 (plus some guests) prowled into Central London to see the Lion King stage show! Most had never experienced anything like this before, but they'd be lion if they said they didn't have an amazing time! Unfortunately, we didn't get back to school until 6:30pm, so I suppose I'll have to train the kids to Mufasa on their feet...



Year 5

As part of our topic this term Space Explorers we are looking at the artist Peter Thorpe. He is an abstract artist from America who specialises in Space theme art. We looked at some examples of his work and noticed he uses the foreground and back ground to help elevate his pictures.

We then planned our own versions of his art work, taking inspiration from his examples, making sure we thought about what to put in the background of the image compared to the foreground. We want our rockers to stand out from the page in the foreground. We had to be sure our colours were not the same on our images as we do not want the two sections of our picture to clash. We are looking very forward to putting these pieces together in our upcoming art lessons.

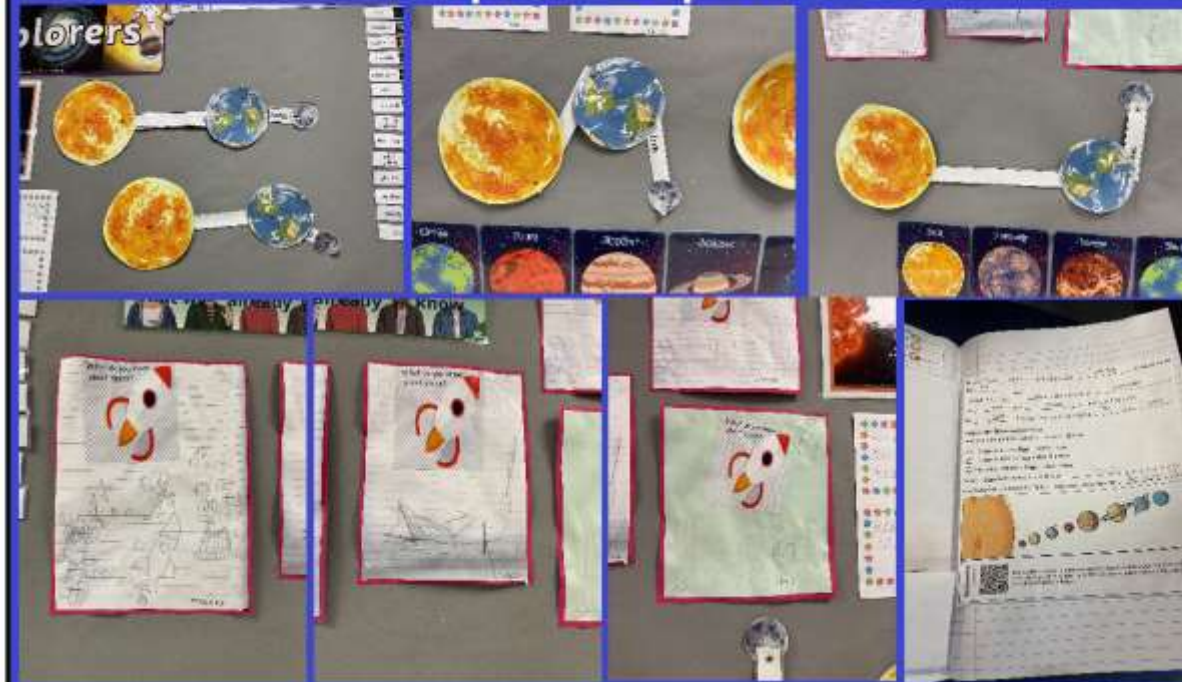


Year 6

Last week in Year 6, children explored Hans Holbein's famous/infamous portrait of King Henry VIII. They explored the details of the painting and what it tells us about the king's power and life in the past! They also discovered how this was a form of propaganda to convince both the people of the Tudor times and historians that Henry was the rightful heir to the throne. This analysis will then form the basis of their own pieces of writing based on the perspective of a professional art historian.



Space Explorers



As part of our Space topic, this week PLM have been making models to explain how the earth and the moon travelled around the sun.

KEEP GOING ...



SALAAM PEACE WOMEN & GIRLS PROGRAMME



Girls Football Sessions Ages 8 - 14

Wednesdays - 4.30pm at Edinburgh Primary School E17 8QR
Saturdays - 10.30am at Edinburgh Primary School E17 8QR

U14s Girls Football Team
Saturday Matches - 11.45am Kick Off at Hackney Marshes E9 5PF
Sunday Training sessions - 11.30am at Edinburgh Primary School E17 8QR



Women's Fitness

Strengthening, cardio, core & pelvic floor exercises
Tuesdays - 11.30am at Lloyds Park E17 4PP for age 55+
Saturdays - 10.30am at Edinburgh Primary School E17 8QR for age 16+

Walking Project Open age

Light exercise & a journey through Walthamstow's history
Fridays - 10am meet at St James Street Station E17



TO TAKE PART PLEASE EMAIL GIULIETTA@SALAAMPEACE.ORG
OR DM US ON INSTAGRAM @SALAAMPEACESP

Please make a note of these dates for the next school year
and only book family breaks in the school holidays

SOUTH GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026



Autumn Term 2025

Term:	Monday 1st September – Friday 19th December 2025
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR YEARS 1 – 6 PUPILS WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2025
	RETURNING NURSERY START BACK ON TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER
	New Reception and Nursery start a staggered entrance from 10th September – individual letters will be sent
	School closed to pupils on:
Staff Training Days:	Monday 1 st September, Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
Half Term:	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October 2025 (inclusive)
Winter Holiday:	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026 (inclusive)
	School finishes for pupils on Friday 19th December 2025 at 2:30pm

Spring Term 2026

Term:	Monday 5th January – Friday 27th March 2026
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR PUPILS TUESDAY 6th JANUARY 2026
	School closed to pupils on:
Staff Training Days:	Monday 5 th January 2026
Half Term:	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026 (inclusive)
Spring Holiday	Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026 (inclusive)
	School finishes for pupils on Friday 27th March 2026 at 2:30pm

Summer Term 2026

Term:	Monday 13th April – Monday 20th July 2026
	SCHOOL STARTS FOR PUPILS TUESDAY 22nd APRIL 2025
	School closed to pupils on:
Staff Training Days:	Monday 1 st June & Monday 20 th July 2026
Public Holiday:	May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4 th May 2026
Half Term:	Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026 (inclusive)
	School finishes for pupils on Friday 17th July 2026 at 2:30pm