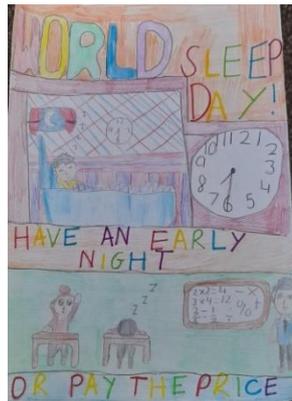
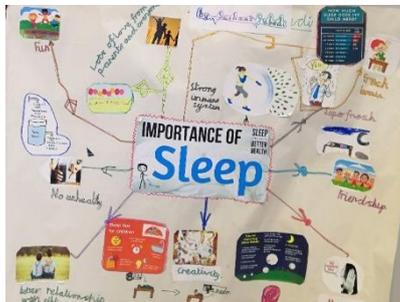


WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Force For Nature – Children in Nursery & Reception have become a [#ForceForNature](#) after helping Mr Makin plant trees around school this half term as part of Doncaster's bid to plant 1 million trees in the next 10 years. These trees will grow with our children from Nursery all the way through their life in Primary school and beyond. As the EYFS children move through school, they will track their growth. Our school gardeners will be helping to maintain and look after the trees.

World Sleep Day – As part of WSD on 18th March, children took part in a poster competition to advertise the importance of sleep. Well done to our winners!



Royal Ballet – Some of our Year 3 children have had the amazing opportunity this half-term to dance with a Royal Ballet star in school as part of a 'Chance to Dance' initiative. 3 lucky children will then go on to win a Year's scholarship for ballet lessons.



PE in school

This half term has been a very busy half term for sports at Sandringham. The girls enjoyed taking part in the [#LetGirlsPlay](#) football initiative on Wednesday 9th March. It was so good to see so many girls having a go and building their confidence. Year 6 got the opportunity to take part in some rugby sessions at the beginning of March and we have plans in place for Year 3 and 4 to take part in some sessions next half term too. Looking forward, selected Year 2 and 4 children will be representing Sandringham in some upcoming competitions. We also have Premier League Stars coming to work in school for 10 weeks, delivering football sessions to Year 1 during school time and offering a KS2 after school football club.

Have a go Thursday - On a Thursday morning breaktime some pupils have taken up the challenge with Mrs Maddox to have a go at another sport. We have covered Cricket, Hockey, Tennis and American football throwing this term.



After the recent success of Sandringham's girl's football session. We have now introduced All Girls Football on a Wednesday's. This is a great opportunity for girls to practice and play together a break time and lunchtimes. We have found some real super stars too.



OUR LEARNING THIS HALF-TERM

Nursery have been learning about transport. They did a transport watch of the road and have been talking about all the different transport they can see. They have read, enjoyed and learnt the story of The Runaway Train and made some fantastic box models of different transport in their creative area.

Reception have enjoyed looking at different modes of transport. They have explored vehicles from the past, made transport pictures using their cutting skills and gone on their own imaginary adventures in their literacy lessons!

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about The Greatest Show. The children really enjoyed their circus day where they learnt skills such as juggling, poi spinning, hula hooping and plate spinning. In DT, they created their own car using box modelling and then tested them to see how far they went. They have been writing letters in English and have written a letter to say thank you to the circus company for coming to teach them.

Year 2 have been learning how to use familiar and new punctuation correctly, including full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks and commas. They have also been using expanding noun phrases, commas in a list and co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions.

Year 3 have been learning all about chocolate. They have found out where chocolate comes from, how it is made and how it gets in our shops. They have also been making their own chocolate bars and writing a recipe for them. As part of this topic they have learnt about Fairtrade and have been doing some Fairtrade symbol printing in Art.

Year 4 have been learning about Boudica's rebellion inspired by their class text 'Queen of Darkness' by Tony Bradman. The teachers have witnessed great enthusiasm for this topic, through children's home learning, in class contributions and high-quality independent work.

Year 5 have had a fantastic topic this term learning all about the solar system. They've imagined what it would be like to travel the galaxy, and have created their own spacecraft for landing an astronaut safely on Mars. They also had a wonderful time at the National Space Centre learning all about rocket science.

Year 6 have written letters to Tim Cook, the CEO of Apple. They have been trying to persuade him not to use coltan, mined from the Democratic Republic of Congo. This is due to the damage that the unregulated mining is doing to the environment, as well as exploiting children to work in the mines. They have also made African masks in art.

OUR LEARNING NEXT HALF-TERM

Nursery's topic is all about growing. They are going to be doing lots of gardening and have some special little friends who will be hatching with them in May! They also have their fantastic farm visit at the end of the half term to kickstart their next topic.

Reception's topic is called 'In The Garden'. They can't wait to explore what they might find in the garden, including minibeasts and plants. They're planning on exploring growth in the form of vegetable growing. They also have a school trip planned too!

Year 1 are going to start a new topic about animals. They are very excited to have booked a trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park where the children will have educational sessions and learn about some of the animals. More information will follow about the trip soon.

Year 2 will be learning all about animals and plants this term. They will learn how to look after an animal & what they need to survive and will grow and observe plants. Watch this space for news about a school visit where they will get to explore even more.

Year 3 will be learning all about the Iron Age, Stone Age & Romans. They will be using their writing skills in English as they write alternative chapters for their class text. In Science they will be looking at the similarities and differences between humans and animals and how animals get their nutrition without the ability to make their own food.

Year 4 will be learning all about the Egyptians as part of their History lessons, rivers and the water cycle in Geography and electricity and states of matter as part of Science. They're on for another busy half-term.

Year 5 will be looking at the lives of the Anglo Saxons and learning all about the Viking Hero 'Beowulf'.

Year 6 will be learning all about the Windrush Generation: who they were, where they came from and why, and how they have made a positive contribution to the culture of the UK. They will also be making structures in DT and prints in art.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SATS - SATs week will be Monday 9th May - Thursday 12th May. Information has been put on Seesaw regarding the content of the SATs, what subject is being assessed on which day, and what parents can do at home to help their children.

YEAR 4 – NATIONAL TIMES TABLE CHECK - children will be taking part in a National Y4 times table check this term. We have been investing lots of time in school for children to practise and strengthen their times tables knowledge in preparation for this, but would appreciate any extra support provided at home. More information will be sent out closer to the time, regarding the times table check which will be completed in school time.

P.E. Days

P.E. kit reminder: Plain white t-shirt, black/navy shorts or jogging bottoms, black/navy jacket or jumper.

Dolphins – Wednesday
Whales - Tuesday
Year 1 – Tuesdays & Fridays
Year 2 – Tuesdays & Thursdays
Year 3 – Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 4 – Thursday (P.E.), Friday (Swimming)
Year 5 – Thursdays & Fridays
Year 6 - Friday

Important dates for Term 3a

Date	Event
Tues 19 th April	School CLOSED to pupils for staff training
Wed 20 th April	School reopens to pupils
Thurs 21 st April	Year 2 & Year 3 Meet the Teacher sessions
Fri 22 nd April	Young Voices Concert
26 th & 28 th April	Whole school Meet the Teacher sessions
Mon 2 nd May	School CLOSED for MAY BANK HOLIDAY
w/c 9 th May	Year 6 SATs week
24 th / 25 th May	EYFS Farm visit
Fri 27 th May	Last day of school for half-term

STAFF CHANGES / MEET THE TEACHERS

The end of term has brought a huge celebration of the special people we have at Sandringham. Mrs Faulkner, who has taught almost half of our children, retires at the end of term. As restrictions have finally been eased, we were able to celebrate this with her. Children and staff held a special assembly, presented cards and gifts and spent time remembering all the lovely contributions Mrs Faulkner has made to Sandringham families. This isn't the last we will see of Mrs Faulkner, though, as she may join us on some of our school visits as an extra adult!

It's also time to say goodbye to Mrs Sunley, Mrs Shaw, Miss Freitas and Mrs Maughan as they all take the next step in their careers. We would like to say a huge thank you to them for the many years of hard work and commitment that they have given to our Sandringham pupils. They will all be sadly missed but we wish them the best of luck in all of their future adventures.

As we sadly say goodbye, we also say hello and welcome to our new team members. Mr McCurdy will be joining us as Chameleon Class's new teacher and as one of our Assistant Principals. Miss Islam will be joining us as Unicorn Class's teacher and one of our Assistant Principals. Miss Briggs will be joining us as the new Dragon Class's teacher. Mr McCurdy, Miss Islam & Miss Briggs have all started to spend some of their time in school getting to know the children and the school. They've also shared a little bit about themselves via the class SeeSaw pages. We are looking forward to working with them and seeing what new ideas they will bring to the school.