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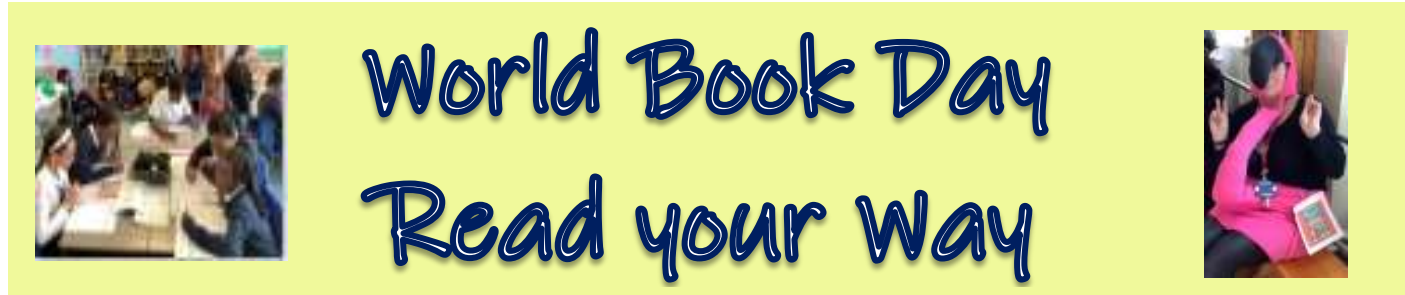
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Curriculum in Action – English

Curriculum in Action



This week in John Ruskin we have been celebrating Reading!

Children (and adults) have been thinking about how we like to enjoy a book as well as making recommendations to others. From dressing up in our favourite characters for World Book Day, creating inspiring door decorations, our own songs and story characters to giving book recommendations and top tips- have a look at some of the work children have been involved in.

Classes shared books they have enjoyed as part of our outstanding door decorations from Nursery to Year 6! Look out for more next week!



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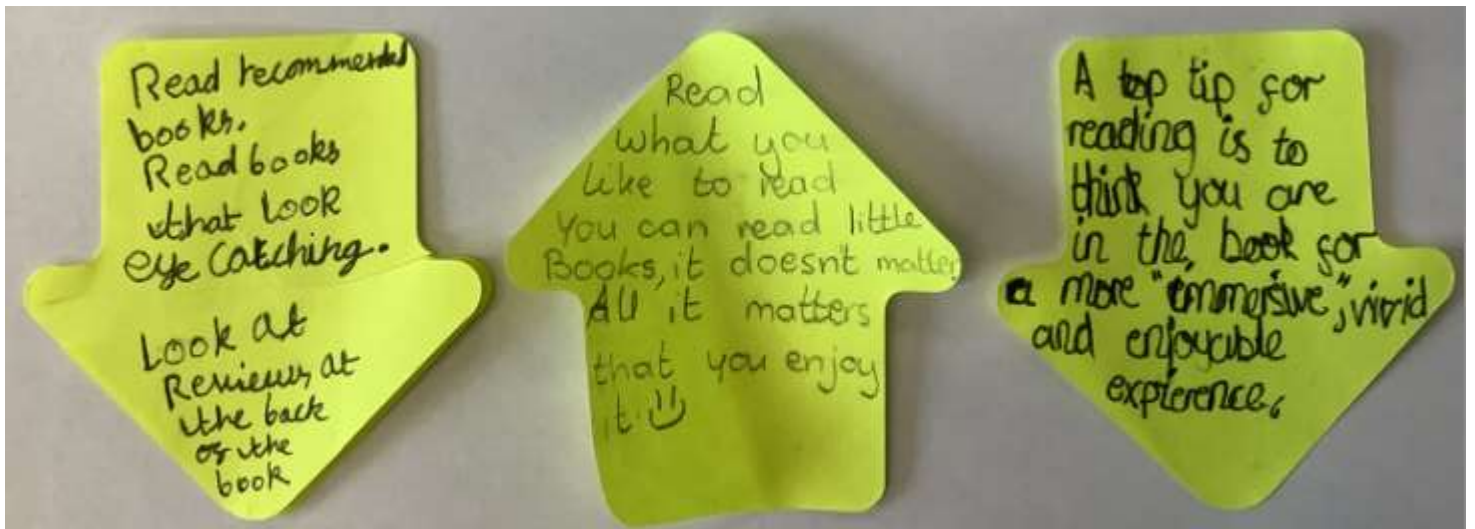


We had a visit from Edem, from Southwark libraries, to deliver some certificates and prizes to children who joined the *Reading challenge* and read SIX or more books!

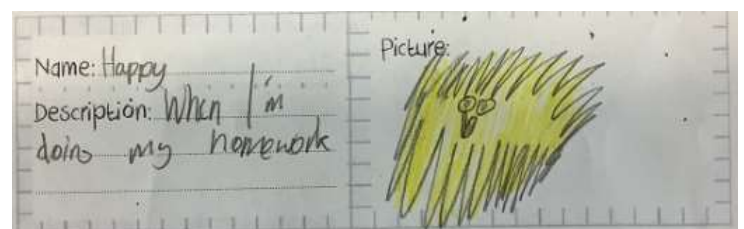
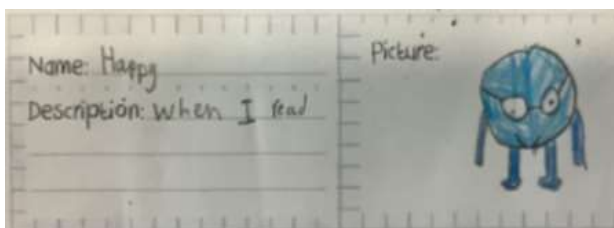
This year we are going to bring the trophy back to John Ruskin!



When asked what children would share as a top tip to KS1, Year 6 children gave these recommendations:



Year 3 had some illustrating tips from Nadia Shireen and created their own MOOD characters.



... and even when we share songs that we have made for World Book Day in Music with Ms Dove.

World Book Day Rounds

Written by Azure Class



Get A Book!

Get a book, get a book!
Read the book, read the book!
Finish the book, finish the book!
Do it again, do it again!

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All sung to the tune of London's Burning!

World Book Day

World Book Day, World Book Day
Is the best, in the west
Come join us, come join us
Wear a costume, wear a costume

Loki

Evil Loki, evil Loki
Cunning trickster, cunning trickster
Has a ring, has a ring
Full of danger, full of danger

Our Spring Reading Challenge invites our children to create a poster for our library that recommends a favourite book + a top tip for reading. I look forward to seeing all your creativity!





British Science Week 2025

7 - 16 March

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK 2025





British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between 7-16 March 2025!

British Science Week is an annual event which lasts 10 days and celebrates science and maths, amongst other subjects. Each year, there is a different theme – this year's theme is 'Change and Adapt'. People of all ages across the UK are encouraged to organise and take part in events and activities in recognition of it.

Pupils will be doing a different activities with the school, but the fun doesn't have to stop there! Why not try one of these exciting science activities at home! Below are a few activities designed to investigate, explore and experiment. Let us know if you attempt and tell us how it goes!


Cornflour Slime

You will need:

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|---|--------------|--|--------------------|---|
|  | A large bowl |  | Food colouring | <p>Large covered table or area where mess is not a problem</p>  |
|  | 200ml water | | 200-300g cornflour | |
| | | | Aprons | |

Method:

1. Pour the cornflour into the bowl.
2. Pour the water in, mixing slowly as you go. Keep adding more water until the mixture becomes thick (and hardens when you tap on it).
3. Add a few drops of food colouring to make your slime the colour you want it.
4. Put your hands in the slime and experiment with handling it.
5. What happens when you pick the slime up, squeeze it or even punch or slap it?
6. Do you think it is a solid or a liquid?
7. How is it different to water?



The Science

The slime is a non-Newtonian liquid which means it is different to 'normal' liquids. It gets thicker when it is pushed or pressed down. The cornflour is not actually dissolved in the water so when pressure is put on the mixture, the water molecules are pushed away. Other non-Newtonian liquids react in different ways to pressure. Tomato ketchup gets runnier if you shake it. If you whip cream for a long time, it gets thicker and thicker.



Paper Towel Colour Mixing

You will need:



Water



Kitchen roll



Plastic glasses



Food colouring
in primary
colours

Method:



1. Put red food colouring into one glass and blue food colouring into another glass. Add water to both glasses.
2. Using 1-2 sheets of kitchen roll, roll length ways into a tube.
3. Bend in half and dip one end into each glass.
4. Watch what happens as the colours travel.
5. What can you see happening? What happens to the colours?
6. What colour can you see where the blue and red meet?

The Science

Water moves up the paper towel because the paper is absorbent, it sucks up water. The colour travels with the water making the paper change from white to red or blue. Colours mix when they are joined together, red and blue make purple. See what colours can be made with just the primary colours.

Rainbow Colour Mixing

You will need:



A bowl



A cup of milk
(whole or 2%)



Different colours
of food colouring



Washing-up
liquid

Method:

1. Carefully pour a cup of milk into a bowl.
2. Taking care not to mix the colours, drop three drops of one food colouring at one side. About a third of the way around, add three drops of another colour and another third of the way around, add three drops of another colour.
3. Next, squeeze a drop of washing-up liquid into the centre of the bowl.
4. What happens to the colours?



The Science

Milk is mainly water with another big ingredient, fat. The washing-up liquid bonds with the fat in the milk. The food colouring is pushed out because the bond is so strong.



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London Fire Brigade - Free Home Fire Safety Visits

This week, the LFB held assemblies to speak to the children in KS2 about fire safety.

The LFB are offering free home fire safety visits to stop fires from happening.

What happens during a home fire safety visit?

Our firefighters or trained staff will visit you at home, at a time that suits you and carry out a risk assessment. They will give you advice based on your home and individual needs; this includes, information on how to **prevent** fires, the importance of smoke alarms to **detect** a fire and your **escape** plan in the event of a fire.

See their info leaflet via the link for more details: [LFB Home Visits](#)



The Children's Choirs



The Children's Choirs at St John the Divine, Kennington, are open to boys and girls aged 6+.

Choristers receive free weekly training in singing and music theory, with opportunities to perform in churches and cathedrals across the UK, including an annual residential at St John's College, Cambridge. No prior experience is needed, and all are welcome to join our supportive and fun environment.

The Boys' Choir rehearses on Tuesdays at 4-5:15pm, and the Girls' Choir on Wednesdays at 4-5:15pm, at St John the Divine Community Centre, 19 Frederick Crescent. For more information, contact Music Coordinator Anna Cooper at music@sjdk.org or 07518 754672.



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Notre Dame's Transition Programme

You are invited to attend...



Notre Dame Catholic Girls' School's Friendship Afternoon

**WEDNESDAY
12th MARCH
2025
4:00 - 5:15PM**



Programme for Pupils

- 4:00pm: Arrival and registration
- 4:15pm: Taster Session 1
- 4:45pm: Taster Session 2
- 5:15pm: Finish and Farewell

Programme for Parents

- 4:00pm: Arrival and registration
- 4:15pm: Welcome presentation from the Headteacher, Head of Year 7, Careers Lead and Notre Dame students
- 4:45pm: An opportunity to meet our students and key members of staff to ask any questions about life at Notre Dame
- 5:15pm: Finish and Farewell



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Sign of the Week



This week's sign is Who/What - [Signing 2024-25](#)



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Junior Park Run



Join us for a free, weekly, 2k for 4-14 year olds. Walk, jog, run or volunteer, it's for everyone!

Burgess junior parkrun
which takes place every Sunday at 9am.

Burgess Park, Camberwell, London, SE5 7QH.

For more information or to register, please visit www.parkrun.org.uk/burgess/

Junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly, weekly, community event organised by volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to 14. The 2k junior parkrun events take place every Sunday morning at 9am in the UK, Ireland and Australia. It is a great introduction for all the family to be physically active outside together on the weekend. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate with us, it's great fun and it's for everyone! Your local event is Burgess junior parkrun. Find out how to register to your local event here:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/burgess-juniors/>

Southwark Council Bulletin

Read here: [Latest news](#)



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Key Events for Week Commencing 10 March 2025

Monday

Science Week – theme *Change and Adapt*

www.britishtscienceweek.org

Year 5 School Journey

1.30-3.30 Violet Class out to Camberwell Library, climate change workshop
2.00-2.30 Swimming for Burgundy Class
3.30-4.00 Book Fair

Tuesday

10.00-10.30 Turquoise Class swimming
10.30-11.00 Scarlet Class swimming
3.30-4.00 Book Fair

Wednesday

Am Drama workshops for Year R-2
Am Year 4 cricket
10.30-11.30 Year 5 out to Camberwell Library, climate change workshop
3.30-4.00 Book Fair – last day

Thursday

2.00-3.00 Indigo Class out to Camberwell Library, climate change workshop
All day Year 2 trip to London Landmarks

Friday

2.00-2.30 Swimming for Vermilion class
Pm Year 5 return from School Journey

Forthcoming Dates

Wednesday 26 March

KS1 Music Performance

Thursday 27 March

KS2 Music Performance

Friday 4 April

Reward morning

Last day of spring term - school finishes 2.00pm

Monday 7 April – Monday 21 March

Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23 April

First day of Summer Term



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Thursday 24 April

Year 5 Homework Club (for 5/6 weeks)

Monday 12-15 May

SATS for Year 6

Friday 23 May

Reward afternoon for children

Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Half Term

Useful Links

School term dates 25-26 - [Term Dates 2025-26](#)

Our website – www.johnruskin.southwark.sch.uk

School caterer - www.harrisoncatering.co.uk

Uniform supplier – www.earthuniform.com/collections/john-ruskin-primary-school

Secondhand uniform supplier – uniformerly.co.uk/search-listings/?q=&c=17273

The Nest - thenestsouthwark.org.uk

Chess in Schools - www.chessinschools.co.uk

Southwark Council – www.southwark.gov.uk

Camberwell Leisure Centre - southwarkleisure.co.uk/centres/camberwell-leisure-centre

Parentkind - www.parentkind.org.uk

Children’s Commissioner - www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk

Department for Education - www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

Ofsted - www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted

NHS - www.nhs.uk

TFL - travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk

