



# SUTTON PARK PRIMARY RSA ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

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"This week, Reception went on a trip to Bodenham Arboretum. We saw lots of different farm animals including cows, sheep, ducks and pigs. We even got to stroke the donkeys! We went on a lovely long walk around the lake and thoroughly enjoyed the muddy puddles, courtesy of this glorious June weather! We had such a lovely day and the children were exceptionally well behaved, although a little exhausted when we arrived back at school."



Last weekend some of our Year 6 pupils went away to Culmington Manor in Shropshire for a weekend of outdoor pursuits. They took part in caving, archery, rifle shooting, obstacle courses, canoeing and kayaking to name but a few of the activities. The children's behaviour, politeness and enthusiasm was faultless and



all the staff were very proud of their efforts. Well done to all who went.

## End of term

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| Friday 5th July                  | Nurture Group trip to Weston-super-Mare   |
| Friday 5th July                  | 6pm - Kidderminster Town Hall performance   |
| Tuesday 9th July                 | Sutton Park transition day  |
| Wednesday 10th July              | New Reception children only - transition (day 2)  |
| Thursday 11th - Friday 12th July | Year 2 residential trip   |
| Thursday 18th July               | 7pm - Year 6 end-of-year performance  |
| Friday 19th July                 | 8:50am - 'congratulations' assembly<br>Gold Zone lunch<br>2pm - Year 6 leavers assembly<br>Finish for summer holidays |
| Wednesday 4th September          | Children return to school for autumn term   |

## Celebrate Differences

**LITTLE SPARKS** have been celebrating differences. At circle time we told each other one thing that made us unique and added our leaf to the 'Unique Tree'. The children also enjoyed painting their friends as they sat opposite each other to look carefully at our differences.



**Reception** have been reading the book 'One World Together' by Catherine and Laurence Anholt. We talked about our differences and also learnt how to say hello in different languages!

**Year 1** learnt about Christianity. We read the 'Creation Story' and made a collage to represent each day God made. In the afternoon we acted out the story and performed it in front of the school.

**Year 2** looked at Judaism and explored the Jewish Festival of Light: Hanukkah. First, we read about the story. Next, we created a story map to highlight the main concepts. Finally, we retold the story in our own words. We created our own Menorah (a sacred candelabrum) and discussed the significance of this Jewish symbol. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing our work with the rest of the school during our 'Celebrating Differences' assembly.



**Year 3** learnt about Islam. We also learnt about Asian culture. We explored different Islamic artefacts, such as prayer mats, the Quran and a variety of books. We were also given the opportunity to wear a headscarf and decorate our hands with 'henna', like Muslims would do for a wedding. We learnt that Muslims do not believe in creating images of people so we also explored geometric patterns. In the afternoon we showed what we had learnt to the rest of the school. It was a brilliant day and a great experience for everyone involved.

**Year 4** looked at the religion of Hinduism and learnt about a special festival which is celebrated called Holi. They learnt the story of prince Prahlad and his belief in worshipping the Hindu God, Vishnu rather than his father the King. The story tells the tale of good overcoming evil and is celebrated with bonfires and the throwing of brightly coloured paint and water. Year 4 retold the story by creating puppet shows and a dance. They did a wonderful job and showed great enthusiasm!



**Year 5** looked at Buddhism and found out more about the spiritual beliefs of Buddhists. We found out that Buddhism originated in India and that there are five key morals that Buddhists live by. In addition to this, we found out about the Eightfold Path of Buddhism, looked at Buddhists symbols such as Buddha statues and lotus flowers and we even had a go at meditating!



**Year 6** were given the task of learning about Secularism. We had lots of fun learning about how King Henry VIII had brought in rule changes to make us a non-secular country. We then acted out a small drama to share our learning with the rest of the school.

