



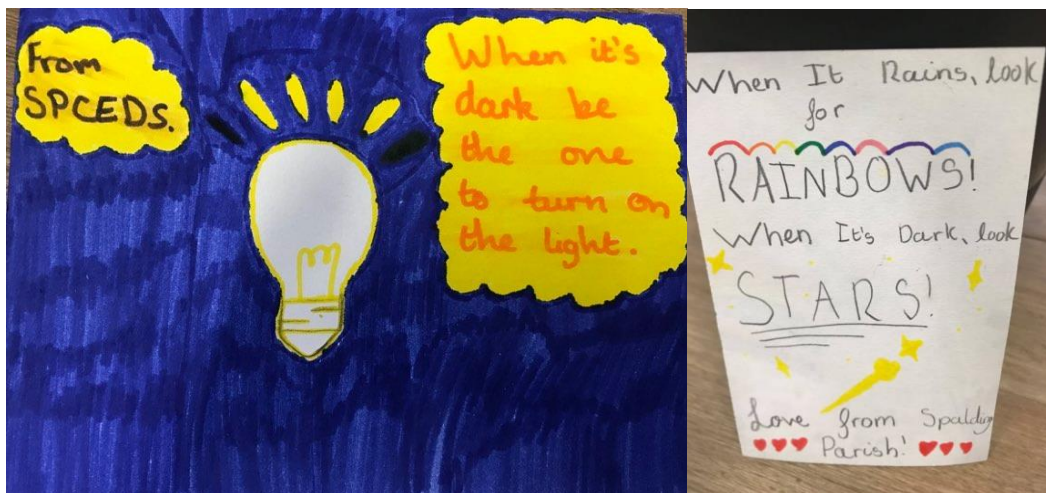
To Y6KB,

I just want to first start by saying how proud I am of each and everyone of you. Being your class teacher is very rewarding indeed and you inspire me to want to continue learning, exploring, smiling and having fun. I enjoyed every day we spent together in school, every aspect of our learning, days when we laughed, worked very hard and when sometimes we would take a different direction because you all had some great ideas. For example, Rhiannon and Grace wrote letters to Shackleton supporting women to go on expedition.

Each and every one of you brings something extra special to our class dynamic. Your different sense of humours, football teams (I think Liverpool are slightly more supported than other teams - I even

saw Ryan in a Liverpool shirt), questions, photo bombing, exciting interests (war planes, the Titanic etc.), strong personalities, creativity and amazing aspirations. SPCEDs has certainly been enriched over the years because you are all a part of its community. I have loved hearing about the fond memories you have about your years at SPCEDs: gummy bear Just Dance in Y1, Flag Fen, swimming, The Snowman Story and amazing handwriting in Y3, Greek theatres and Space in Y5 just to name a few.

I felt very sad leading up to the days when school closed but even in the face of uncertainty, you reached out to the wider community and sent out your positive messages. These messages below I sent out as daily positive postcards and everyone loved them. It brought daily joy to many people and just shows how incredible, brave and kind you all are.



Your emails and contact, while we have been keeping safe at home or in school, have lifted my spirits everyday and it has been wonderful to see or hear about the things you have been doing. From TT Rockstars, VE Celebrations, birthdays, Easter creations, NHS poems, cooking, decorating, swimming, art masterpieces, family garden games events, camping, online karate, WWE to movie nights.

As I look back on our journey, I remember all of the fantastic things we achieved together and we achieved a great deal. If you remember, we had worked very hard for our SATs and, most importantly, preparing for your next exciting journey at Secondary School. We were so nearly there, so remember you will just be able to start where we left off. Everyone is going to be doing the same - so try not to worry. I know you have got this!

Roald Dahl Day



We started our Y6 year with our Roald Dahl Day, dressed in yellow or as one of his famous book characters. I will always remember your great costumes and Bartosz as The Enormous Crocodile. You produced some of the best writing using Roald Dahl's TV documentary as our basis

of research. Then, I enjoyed reading all of your Trip Advisor reviews and autobiographies in the style of Roald Dahl's Boy from trips to Alton Towers, holiday slide accidents to ice-cream mishaps. You wowed me right from the start! I enjoyed sharing 'Boy by Roald Dahl' with you. I might never eat a liquorish bootlace again.

Worship

You have excelled at class-based worships. I do not think I ever remember a Y6 class who sing so well. You sing with confidence, joy and bucket loads of talent. You wowed the school and Mr Pitts with your talent and enthusiasm. Please continue to be proud and sing loud! We were lucky enough to start up the first ever girls' choir at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas.





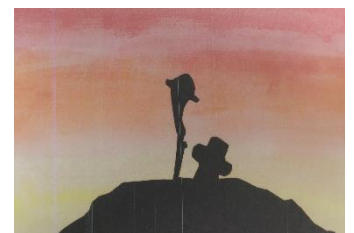
Our Class Presentation linked to WW1 was the best presentation in my many (too many to remember) years of a being a teacher. With your drama linked to the Spalding Soldiers from B Company, you retold their stories with all the emotions to not leave a dry eye in the house. Your clear and loud voices even impressed Mrs Pettit. We sang ([Altogether Now](#)), acted, read and retold important stories to

remember the fallen.

WW1 was one of my favourite parts of our Learning Journey. Our visit to the church for our very own Remembrance Service made me very proud of you all. You sat with the silhouettes of the fallen soldiers, read the poems, listened to the stories of our local men, joined Reverend John, toured the church and Josh laid our poppy wreath. We studied poems, wrote our own poems, created art pieces and wrote short WW1 stories. The Journey by Francesca Sanna, Shadow and Private Peaceful by Michael Murpurgo and The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce laid the foundations for our reading.



For the first year ever, we had our very own Poppy Princesses. Grace, Charlotte and Zara-Jane represented our school brilliantly in the competition at St John the Baptist Church. They wrote poems, which impressed the judges, who were many



officials from across Spalding. Together they represented our school as part of the town's Remembrance Parade wearing their poppy capes and headbands. Many of our class represented the parade as part of the Mini Police, choir etc.

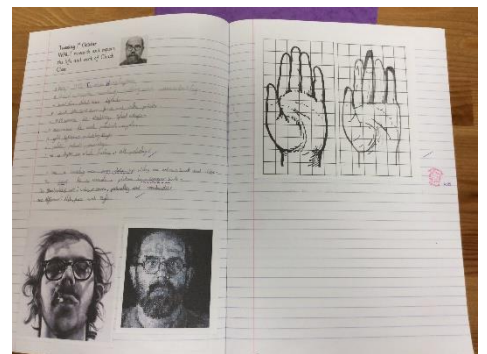
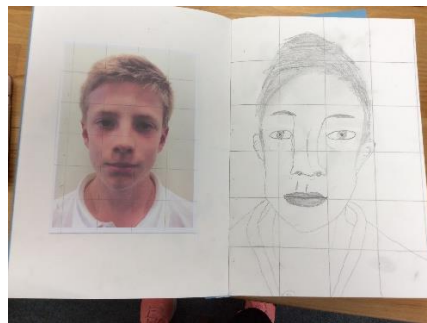
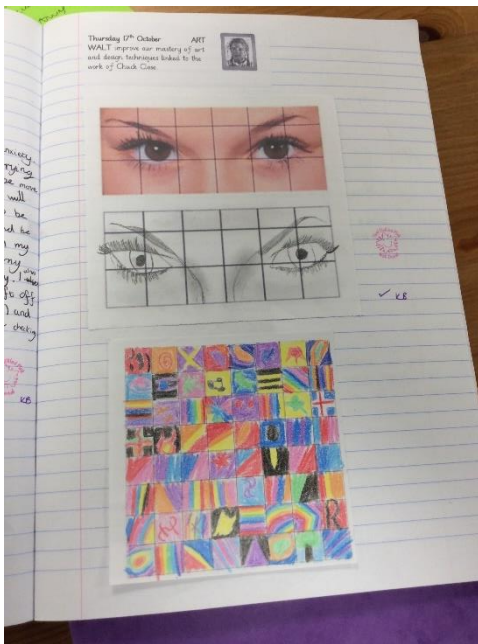




You all know how I enjoy a Tuesday worship when we have the Baptist Church presenting Open the Book. Many of you will have taken part in the dramas over the past two years: bringing the stories to life for the rest of the school. As Year 6, you were invited to take part in Christmas Unwrapped at the Baptist Church. You made many magnificent designs of biscuits and we were welcomed into their church for a morning of fun activities. Did you hunt for the puzzle pieces or go up on stage to rap with Debbie?

Art

Our art skills were developed using a range of different techniques and using the work of Chuck Close. I still remember the day we laughed so much that some of us cried while reading the information booklet. Using the grid technique, close up selfies (remember we could not smile), patterns and backgrounds, you produced some amazing self-portraits. I have also been sent some amazing pieces of art during lockdown. I wonder what your next masterpieces will be.



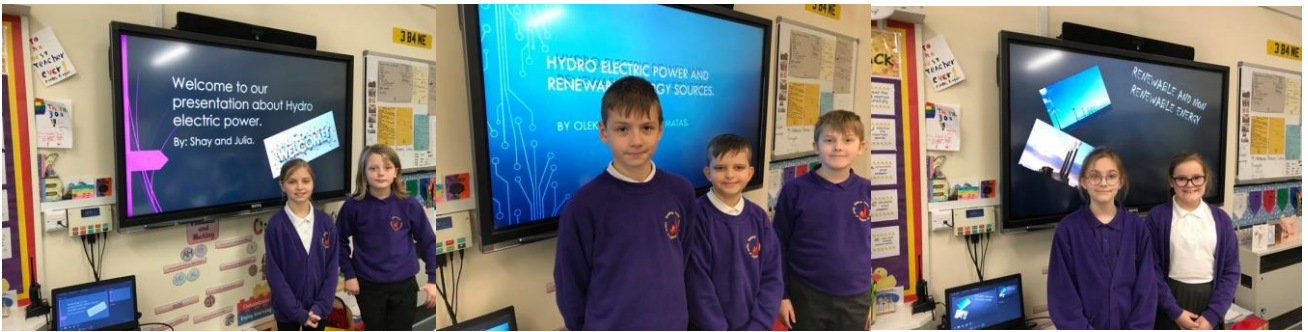
Anti-Bullying Week

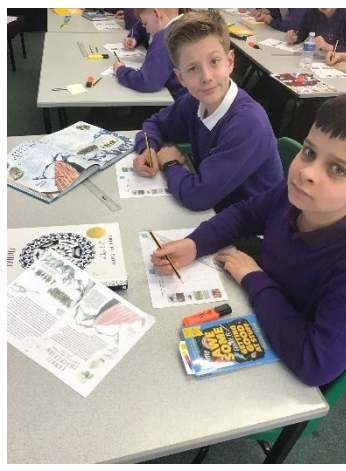
Using the trailer for the film Wonder, the film itself and extracts from the book, we wrote some excellent oppositional views of life with or without bullying. You developed your vocabulary and really used emotive and powerful language. Our class story, The Promise, fitted in brilliantly and you wrote an amazing class poem with Mrs Clements. Do you remember we wore odd socks to raise awareness of bullying?



Amazing Scientists!

Just before Christmas, you presented to the class about renewable energy in your small groups. I will always love the cute cats, puppies etc. which pop up on your presentations from nowhere. As Arctic Explorers, we coated our hands in butter (blubber) and tested how long we could keep them in ice cold water. Some of us would not last in extreme cold conditions - myself included! However, some of you were made for the challenge! Remember when you and Mrs Ladbrook covered the classroom floor with straw for our bug hotels? Luckily Charlotte's mum was there to help us not get into too much trouble. Olek, his mum and brother created a masterpiece of architecture along with the rest of you.





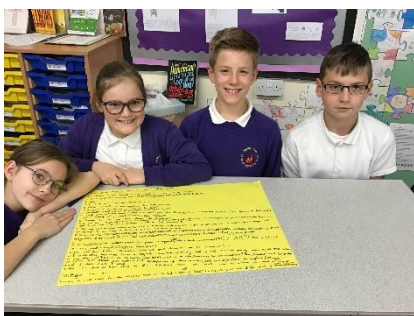
In electricity, we explored a range of circuits and solved a variety of problems. We also made electricity pass through our whole class in a large circle. I enjoyed our investigations about the heart. We set challenges and raised questions but might still need to see who the fastest in our class is. You compared twins in



different year groups and really thought outside of the box as scientists.

Theologists

Your questioning of the world and different religions brought many interesting conversations, which I know Mrs Clements and I thoroughly enjoyed. From Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism,



Christianity, Humanism etc. you explored, learnt, compared and created podcasts - the best podcasts I have ever heard! You all rose to the challenge of deep

questions, making Mrs Clements' Thursdays a joy and challenging the clergy. Visitors have been very impressed with our learning and the way you would tackle questions and challenges. You became experts of the padlet, flat chat and ... just about everything you put your mind too.

Maths

Our class have become the TT Rock Star champions these last few months. You have enjoyed leading parts of the lesson (especially the time I lost my voice) and talking through methods you have used. My favourite lesson was when we explored angles on our tables using masking tape and whiteboard pens. We even had an underground map of our whole class including Mrs Mulley.



Charity

You worked so hard to raise money for charity by supporting fantastic causes. For Children in Need, World Diabetes Day, Red Nose Day and World Book Day you organised games for the whole school to play. We raised record amounts thanks to your hard work. The Staff v Y6 Netball



match was enjoyed by all. In our room, for our book festival, we hosted 'The Witches by Roald Dahl'. I think it was a sell-out. We definitely could not fit anymore in as you listened in your pyjamas. Grace ran her very own stall at the Christmas Fair and the Mini Police ran a stall with Miss Goddard.



Role Models

Not only were you marvellous in the classroom but you were really awesome out of it too. Whether it was at sporting festivals, school trips, choir trips, charity days, with your FS2 Buddies and fundraising, you should really be proud. You all represented your school excellently when you were out and so many people commented on your fabulous behaviour. Our school council representatives past and present (Grace, Harry, Brandon and Julia) excelled at giving tours of the school to potential families and sharing your brilliant ideas at meetings. Ellie also gave one of the most detailed tours I have been on too. Mrs Dempsey really enjoyed working with her group every day - you all were a credit to our class! Matas would also keep me organised and have all the resources we would need for a Reading Comprehension ready without us asking. School of Rock was phenomenal. Such an amazing West End Show with such important messages. I think we will all remember Brandon's amazing packed lunch on the way to London. Romeo and I, as well as gymnastic teachers, also become pancake masters during Lockdown. We recommend bacon and maple syrup 110%.



We are the champions!



It was possibly one of our best sporting years in football, netball and new age kurling. Thank you to those of you who tried your hand at new sports: cross country, athletics, netball, dodgeball and hockey. Those of you who are skilled in a sport and transferred your skills to a new one and those who just had a go for the first time. These are skills you will be able to use throughout your life. Brandon and Max helped me when I stepped in to run Dodgeball. Romeo helped out every week

at our KS1 gymnastics club. You were very lucky to have Mr Horton for PE and were very brave to play Hockey in all weathers. I know that he enjoyed every Friday with you, so did Mrs Ladbrook for PSHE and spelling. Lots of you are part of clubs outside school and it has been a real joy to hear about them and see some of you in action. I think we have many stars of the future and not just in sport!

Remember all of the experiences you have had which have shaped you and helped you grow, embrace them and strive for more in the next part of your journey. You all make me very proud each and every day when we were together and when we are apart. This experience is something that will be written in history and children in years to come will be studying about you. I have loved hearing about your positive experiences during such an uncertain time so, using my favourite quote, remember: 'The Sun always shines above the clouds.'



Thank you for being incredible. Set your sights high and keep them fixed. Do not let anyone steal your dreams. Your secondary schools are so very lucky indeed to have you. Show them how fabulous I know you are. I cannot wait to hear all about your next exciting adventures. Myself and the Year Six team are so very proud of you all.

Miss Bird 😊 x

P.s Look how much you have grown...

