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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

7th October 2022



As we enter a brand new month, children at West Thornton have had another amazing week! Library visits have continued this week and Year 5 have enjoyed their swimming lessons.

We have had assemblies introducing Black History Month over the past few weeks. Children have learnt more about famous and not so famous people from African and Caribbean backgrounds who have been recognised for their achievements.

Parent Introductory Meetings

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be holding Parents Introductory meetings at Canterbury Road and Rosecourt Road where parents can find out more about our routines, curriculum and activities at our school. Do come along!

Monday 10th October - for parents and carers in **Reception** and **Years 2, 4** and **6**.

Monday 17th October - for parents and carers in **Years 1, 3** and **5**.



Paws for Thought!

Our partnership with Pets As Therapy is off to a great start. Some of our year 2 children have had their first Read2Dogs session and the little dog, Louie, has loved listening to stories about frogs and facts about sharks.

Well done to those brilliant, brave readers!

Our pets and people enriching lives, one visit at a time





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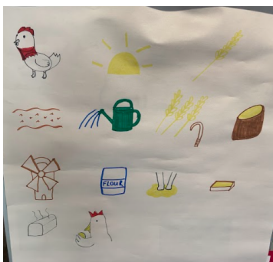
Attendance

Well done to our attendance superstars this week:

	Rosecourt Road	Canterbury Road
EYFS	Oak Class - 93%	Ash Class - 96%
KS1	Fir Class - 95%	Lime Class - 97%
KS2	Cypress Class - 99%	Hawthorn Class - 99%

Curriculum Focus

Reception



This week in reception, the children have been learning a new fairytale; The Little Red Hen. They have been listening and answering questions about the story, as well as using a story map and actions to retell the story. They have been introduced to the Character Skill of 'Relationships' to discuss how the animals in the story are feeling and to have empathy towards others.

In the provision, reception have been exploring farms to link to the story The Little Red Hen. They have been especially working on our art learning journey which has introduced the concept of collage. The children have collaged farm animals and trees to make our own fairytale woodland!

In maths, the children have been learning how to sort different objects into categories. They have sorted by colour, size and have even used their noticing skills to spot the odd one out.

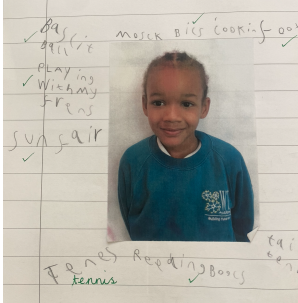




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Year One

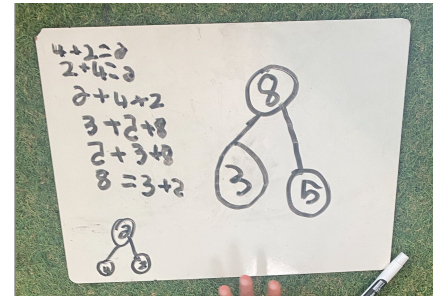


This week in English the children used our core text 'My Shadow is Pink' to discuss our likes and interests with our peers. We created a mindmap of our individual interests and used these to generate sentences using the pronoun 'I'. We looked at the use of the conjunction 'and' and how it is used to extend sentences.

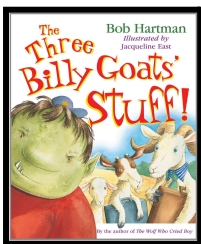
In Maths, the children investigated commutative addition. The children used their knowledge of the part part

whole model to identify the addends before writing addition sentences to show that if they knew $4+2=6$ then they knew $2+4=6$. The children began to look at addition fact families and recorded sentences.

In PSHE, the children spoke about what it meant to be proud. The children were given 'proud' tickets by their teacher before representing what they were proud of through drawing and sentences. Lots of the children were proud of their friends and the hard work they are putting into their learning.



Year Two



This week in Year two, the children have been enjoying their new core text, The Three Billy Goats Stuff by Bob Hartman. They were particularly thrilled by the twist in the tale, discovering that one of Billy Goats was the Head Teacher who made sure that the Troll learnt how to be kind and respectful to others. The children used clues to draw a picture of the troll and sequenced the story in preparation for their own recount of the story next week.

In Maths, the children have been revisiting their number bonds to 10 and 20 ensuring that they work in a systematic manner to ensure they identify all number bonds. They have been recording these using a part-part whole model and writing the corresponding calculation.



In Science they have been examining different materials and considering their properties. The children familiarised themselves with key terminology such as opaque, transparent, flexible and rigid. Using a variety of materials from foil to rulers, the children described their properties by feeling and touching the materials, testing their resilience and considering whether some materials fell into more than one category.



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Year Three

The children in Year 3 have had a lovely week of learning. In English they started reading a new core text called My Little Book of Big freedoms. They used this book to begin meaningful conversations about Human rights. The children made a decision about which human right they would focus on for their poems and began the process of generating vocabulary and practising poetic features in preparation for their final outcome.



In Maths, the children have been learning different methods to add three digit and 2 digit numbers together. They started the week, using counters and dienes to show their understanding of place value, before looking at how they can use number lines to add and counters before moving onto using number lines. They finished the week off by learning how to add using the grid method.

In Wider curriculum, Children have enjoyed learning all about life cycles in Science. They were able to use their prior knowledge of life cycles from year 2 to inform their current learning. In History children learnt about patriarchy and all the different positions that Ancient Egyptians had during this time. In Art children began drawing their self-portraits for their final outcome. Children drew inspiration from a range of examples from Corey Barksdale and the work from previous Year 3 children and we cannot wait to see the end result!

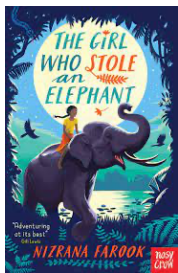


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Year Four

Year 4 have been working exceptionally hard this week! In Maths, the children have been looking at negative numbers. They have had the opportunity to pull from prior learning and knowledge of how to count backwards on a number line in order to count back from zero and recognise the existence and value of negative numbers. They then applied this knowledge to answer worded questions related to real life context, such as money and temperature. Towards the end of the week, year 4 had the opportunity to reflect and evaluate their learning journey and understanding of negative numbers, highlighting their areas of success, their challenges and how they overcame them, as well as their next steps.



In English, the children have been preparing to write their narrative based on our core text, The Girl who stole an Elephant. They have worked hard to develop their descriptive and figurative language to create vivid imagery for the reader, using the 5 senses for imagery - what the character could see, hear, smell, taste and feel during key points of the story. They have created some excellent pieces of writing and we look forward to reading their narratives next week!

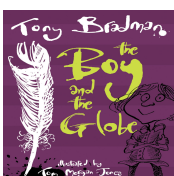
In Science, year 4 has been looking at living things and recognising that they can be grouped together in different ways. Our focus was to look at how animals could be classified into invertebrates (animals without a backbone) and vertebrates (with a backbone), their features and the habitats they lived in. The children compared the different animals and enjoyed a class discussion on this with the opportunity to agree, build or challenge the points made by their peers.

Year Five

Year 5's learning this week has been a challenging and exhilarating one!!

In Maths, the children continued developing their understanding and skills of the column method for addition and subtraction. They learnt how to line up their digits in the correct column, and to exchange when the digits in a column added up to more than nine. They also mastered their skills when subtracting by making sure to exchange (borrow) when a digit can not be subtracted from a number.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 23,456 \\
 - 5,163 \\
 \hline
 28,619 \\
 +1
 \end{array}$$



In English, the children have been learning about playscripts: who the audience is; the key features; how a playscript is set out; and setting the scene. To fully immerse



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the children into the genre they acted out a part of our study text 'The Boy and the Globe.



Some of the year 5 children have been attending swimming lessons and they are having a 'whale of a time' (excuse the pun!). Children have developed their confidence enabling them to start learning to swim and others developing the already learnt skill. Those who did not attend swimming lessons, continued with our broad and balanced curriculum in History where they continued to learn about the Kings and Queen of the Tudor period and in Art the children began to plan their final art piece drawing on Venus Art's techniques as inspiration.

Year Six

This week, the children have been working hard in preparation for writing their newspaper article based on our core text, Pig Heart Boy, next week. In order for their articles to be informative, engaging and remain formal, they have needed to understand how to: use relative clauses to add information; use direct and reported speech to include quotes from characters; and understand and manage the shifts in formality within their writing.

In Maths this week, they have been exploring factors, multiples and prime numbers. They have been able to test their multiplication knowledge in order to logically find all the common factors and multiples, alongside identifying the highest common factor and the lowest common multiple. They were able to then use this skill to solve problems based on this.

Reading

Get Caught Reading: Once again, we are encouraging all pupils to take snaps of themselves reading in an unexpected place! Pictures can be sent to office@inspirewestthornton.co.uk Each week we will be selecting the craziest pictures to appear on our newsletter so get snapping and happy reading!



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Junior Leadership Team

Year 1	Maple Huxley	Fir Tafari	Elder Khaliyah	Elm Grace	Lime Nazai
Year 2	Spruce Azma	Rowan Ariah	Poplar Aarav	Palm Grace	Aspen Adam
Year 3	Larch Pusti	Cedar Tanuj	Walnut Chu	Chestnut Giovanni	Cherry Yasmine
Year 4	Acacia Apishiya	Yew Rebecca S	Beech Ava	Hornbeam Maliyah	Olive Habinia
Year 5	Cypress Aaranan	Silver Birch Ayanna	Magnolia Matthew	Hawthorn Farzeen	Sycamore Mia

We are happy to announce the JLT members for this year in years 1-5. Each child was chosen by the other children in their class to represent them across the school.

Year 6 are just embarking on the next stage of their selection process with letters going out next week to inform children whether they have made it to the interview stage or not.

Our first meeting will be after half term and we will keep everyone updated with our plans and ideas through the newsletter.

A huge thank you to all of those who applied. The standard was really high so it was an incredibly hard decision for the classes.

Miss Evans- JLT facilitator.



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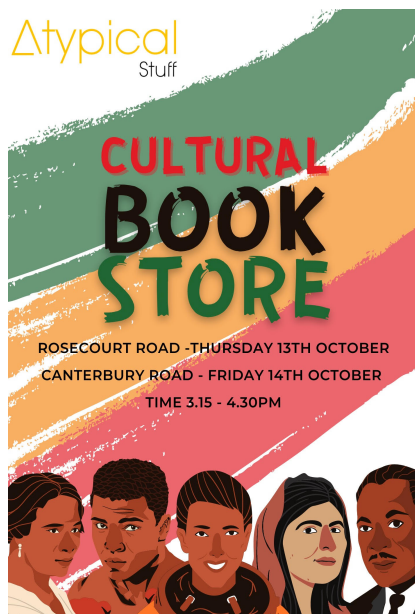
PTA Update

There will be a meeting at Rosecourt Road in the school hall on Tuesday 11th October at 9.00am to relaunch and welcome back all members to the PTA! After the successes of the summer fair last year members are excited about planning the year ahead to raise funds for the year ahead.

All new parents are welcome to the meeting! We look forward to seeing you there!

Please also use the PTA email address to begin to make contact : WestthorntonPTA@gmail.com

Community



Cultural Book Store

We are very fortunate to have a cultural book store visit us after school next week as part of Black History Month. They have a range of books, games and personalised gifts allowing people the opportunity to embrace different cultures and for people to show how proud they are of their heritage.

Thursday 13th October at Rosecourt Road at 3.15pm

Friday 14th October at Canterbury Road at 3.15pm

Do come along to take a look and see what products are on offer and can be purchased. You'll also have the opportunity to meet members of 'Atypical Stuff' and find out what has inspired them.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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Support for our school community



RENAISSI If you are a parent of a 6 month to 12-year-old child and you're struggling to progress in your chosen career, Renaissi's free service will help you gain the essential skills you need for long-term personal and professional development. If eligible, you will benefit from a personalised needs assessment and training plan to gain the skills employers need.

For information please visit: <https://renaisi.com/>



West Thornton's weekly food stall has had a great response, thank you to everyone that comes along to help reduce food waste along with supporting a great cause. All money raised goes towards ensuring West Thornton's Community Cupboard can continue to provide support to those who need it. Just a reminder, the Community Cupboard is made up of a clothes, food and toy bank and can be accessed by all families. For more information, please call and ask to speak to our Family Support Worker - Miss Williams. Alternatively you can email office@inspirewestthornton.co.uk and request a call back. Please see below for dates and times of our upcoming food stalls.

RR	CR
05.10.22	12.10.22
19.10.22	Half term



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**Home-Start Croydon,
helping families prepare for the
winter !**

**We have children's clothes,
shoes, buggies, toys and
more to give away.**



**8th October 2022
11.00-1.30pm
1-8 Ramsey Court
122 Church Street
Croydon
CR0 1RF**



Easy access by tram and bus, nearest stop
Church Street, Croydon

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English language classes

English, wellbeing and integration courses available for ALL Ukrainian refugees.

Курси англійської мови, добробуту та інтеграції доступні для ВСІХ українських біженців.

<https://calat.ac.uk/courses-for-ukrainian-refugees/>

If you would like to improve your English, CALAT offers courses in English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

These courses are for people who are settled in the UK to gain English language skills and work towards nationally recognised qualifications. Please click on the link below to find out more.

<https://calat.ac.uk/subjects/esol/>

SELAM is an English language class for women, run by women in Emmanuel Centre. They have a creche on site for children under 5. The cost is £1 and includes refreshments. If you'd like more details please contact Natasha on 07938 819628.

<https://www.emmanuelcroydon.org.uk/whats-on/selam/>

Phrases of the Week



El valor del mes de West Thornton es TOLERANCIA. - West Thornton's value of the month is Tolerance.

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Ishaan	Asrithan	Fatima	Nylah-Rae	
Samara	Sufiyaan	Scarlett	Ivie	
Y1Elder	Y1 Elm	Y1Fir	Y1Lime	Y1 Maple



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Shylah	Eva	Sophie	Hanna	Queenie
Abdulkhadir	Mateo	Krish	Darshan	Kiran
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Thakshan	Idrees	Rutmi	Nishtha	Abdellah
Lathixan	Eisa	Laanika	Moksh	Anaya
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Massita	Sophia	Zianna	Manahil	Molinae
Tanisha	Samuel	Yasmine	Harun	Amir
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Lishana	Isla-Mae	Skye	Ammar	Joel
Heba	Tharunyan	Paisley	Niha	Alishba
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Laura	Ibrahim	Calista	Jaathuri	Abdi
Michael	Rama	Dev	Teon	Akshita R
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Fabrizio	Amin	Abana	Emilly	Fadeelah
Ilyas	Emanuel	Shlok	Jacques	Dylan
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Amir Walnut			Aliza Poplar	Aleena Blackthorn