



# WEST THORNTON

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### West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

**18th November 2022**

It's been a wild, wet and windy week at West Thornton but filled with lots of wonderful learning and events. We loved welcoming parents and carers in for Parents Evening on Wednesday and Thursday evening and hope you enjoyed hearing how your children have been getting on so far this year!

Children have been practising for their winter concerts, singing and performing beautifully - we are very excited to welcome you back in to get into the festive spirit ahead of the Christmas Holidays! Information on this will be shared in due course! This week, we have also been very proud of the children who have been showing our values of resilience and excellence whilst completing assessments linked to their Autumn Term learning - it has been wonderful to see such growth mindsets in their approach to learning.

Thank you to all the parents who have contributed towards our gardening project. Mrs Korkmaz and the gardening team have been working really hard preparing the soil ready for planting. They have already started planting in the reception area, as well as the planters in the large playground at Rosecourt Road. Well done to the gardening team, we look forward to seeing what grows!





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### Attendance

Well done to our attendance superstars this week:

	Rosecourt Road	Canterbury Road
EYFS	Pine 90%	Ash 96%
KS1	Spruce 96%	Aspen 96%
KS2	Cedar 98%	Acer 98%

Please also click on the link below to access our updated Inspire Partnership Trust Attendance Policy: [Attendance Policy](#)

### Curriculum Focus

#### Reception

In reception this week the children have enjoyed ocean themed learning as they have continued to deepen their understanding of planet Earth, enriched by their core text 'Here We Are'.

Activities have included naming sea creatures and describing their features in the writing area, moulding and creating fish with playdough and inventing their own narratives within our 'under the sea' small world area.

In art the children have recently been introduced to the Russian artist: Wassily Kandinsky, known for his famous piece 'Farbstudie Quadrate' - a series of concentric circles within squares. The children this week had a go at their own interpretations and have produced some lovely artwork, mixing their own colours from the three primary colours and experimenting with shapes.



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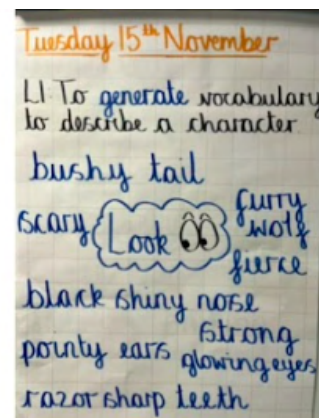
In maths this week the children have been learning to recognise the numerals 1, 2 and 3, representing them with numicon, cubes and dice. They have demonstrated their understanding by each drawing pictorial representations of numbers 1-4.

In English the children have been comparing environments with a focus on ocean life, sharing facts that they already know and researching new ones together. The children helped to create a spider diagram to capture their learning; they used our library area to carry out their own research, adding to our learning wall each day with their new facts. The children have demonstrated their learning this week by labelling and describing a seascape.

In our topic learning, the children have enjoyed exploring the solar system, finding out interesting facts about planets. This week they learnt about Saturn.

### Year One

This week in Year 1, the children have been showing their best writing! The children have been working very hard on creating their story based on the text for this term 'Little Red Riding Hood'. They have been using various literary devices such as; verbs, adverbs and adjectives to create amazing sentences describing the wolf's appearance and actions.





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In Maths this week, Year 1 have been learning to recognise, read and write teen numbers in numerals and words. Also, they have been collaborating in comparing and recording numbers using the correct mathematical symbols, to record their discussions.

In Geography this week, the children have been learning about the United Kingdom. They have been locating Croydon on a map and knowing where it is in relation to different parts of the United Kingdom.

In DT this week, Year 1 designed a building based on buildings in our local community. In order to help the children make their models at school in the next couple of weeks, please could you kindly donate some plastic bottles, cardboard boxes and tubes to your child classes. We can not wait to start making and showing you the outcome!

### Year Two

This week in Year 2 the children have been really enjoying their new maths unit about money. They began the week by identifying the value of each coin using pre tokens then as the week progressed they identified the amount of money using both pence and pounds.

In English the children have been retelling their core text of Drawn together. On Monday they planned all language features that they were going to use in their narratives including the verbs, adjectives and time adverbials. Then on Tuesday they rehearsed their retellings using their plans to help them. At the end of the week they have been writing their own retellings using the features of a narrative including some great descriptions and ambitious vocabulary.

In DT the children have continued to plan their final outcome of a bird that can flap its wings. They have looked at different wing shapes and have practised sketching them. In computing the children have been enjoying continuing to develop their knowledge of coding and have been using this knowledge to create a set of instructions to help the aeroplane move.

### Year Three

This week in year 3 it has been another action packed week full of fun and interesting learning. In English the students have continued to develop their knowledge of instructional writing by completing their own instructional texts on how to make a Shaduf. In Maths the students have finalised their knowledge and understanding through their revision at the beginning of the week and have expressed great effort completing their Maths examinations. The same commitment and effort has been expressed towards their English examinations as well. Within DT this week, the children have continued to learn about construction and have applied their knowledge of joining





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and assembling to make a four-sided boxed house. Within other wider curriculum subjects such as science, the children have continued to learn about magnetism and create predictions for next week's experiment regarding the strength and weakness of magnets against objects.

Overall, it has been a fun and exciting week and we look forward to continuing our learning into the next week!

### Year Four

Year 4 have been working extremely hard in their assessments this week, well done for all of your hard work!

In Maths this week, year 4 have been practising column method addition of two 4-digit numbers up to 2 exchanges. They have also practised addition using pictorial representation on a place value grid. All the children have worked incredibly hard and have increased their speed in answering addition calculations involving larger numbers.

In English, children's learning has been linked to climate change. This week's focus has been on poetry. The children discussed and evaluated various poems on climate change. They paid close attention to the type of figurative language used as well as the layout of a poem and used these prompts to help them plan and write their own poems to raise awareness about climate change. They then had the opportunity to perform their poems and evaluate their peers' performances - which they thoroughly enjoyed!

In Geography, the children focussed on Greta Thunberg. They researched about Greta and made notes in a group activity on the key events and aspects of her life - facts relating to her family, personal life, activism and achievements. The children were amazed by some of the interesting facts they learnt about Greta and definitely felt inspired by her achievements at such a young age!

### Year Five

Year 5 has had another great week! Once again Silver Birch have been braving the elements all week and parent helpers have been amazing! Thanks parents! All children have made massive progress in their own individual way so well done all!

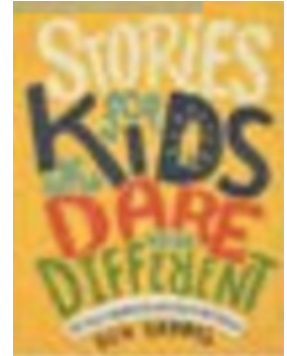


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In Mathematics, the children have been consolidating different methods and strategies to successfully complete a range of multiplication activities. The children have used manipulatives such as Base 10 to scaffold and consolidate their learning.

In English the children have been continuing their previous learning from last week which is preparing to write a biography based on the text 'Children Who Dare to be Different' by Ben Brooks. The children have been learning about the key features of interview writing: identifying structural devices of an interview, writing open ended questions, applying a range of emotive language to encapsulate the reader's attention, using research to create an informed response and ordering and organising questions for an interview. They have now written their own interviews using the key features, which have been amazing. Next we will have to focus on the biography.

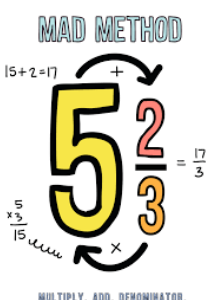


### Year Six



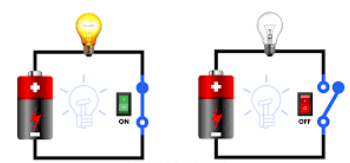
This week Year 6 have been able to refocus on our class text after a week of assessments! We have been able to continue writing our retelling of "Stella by Starlight". We have used various literary devices to convey the mood and the feelings that the characters are going through alongside being ambitious with our language choices. All of this has been done with the reader at the forefront of our decisions to ensure that we are helping them to generate a strong image in their minds when reading our texts.

Our history continues to link with our core text and this week we have been learning about Rosa Parks and her contribution to the Civil Rights Movement. We have recalled other aspects of segregation and have looked at how the Jim Crow laws connected with Rosa's actions.



Maths has been all about fractions as we recap what we know and expand on this knowledge, looking closely at simplifying and ordering fractions and understanding how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions.

In both DT and science, we have been exploring circuits and what materials are electrical insulators, and therefore stop the flow of electricity, and which





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materials are electrical conductors. This knowledge will then be used to help us in designing and producing our final outcome!

### Enrichment

Year 5 Silver Birch have just completed their 10 day intensive swimming programme - a huge well done for their resilience and effort! Next up, Cypress will be attending between Monday 21st November - Friday 2nd December!

### Community

#### Reception Admissions for 2023

We are currently conducting tours for those needing a place for their child in September. Our next tour is on **Wednesday 23rd November at 5.00pm**. If you know of any families considering our school as a possible option then do encourage them to come along! If this time is not convenient then do ask them to contact the school office so that other arrangements can be made.

#### Mental Health Support Session for Parents

This morning, we welcomed the Mental Health Support Team who led an informative session for our parents. We will make sure the slides are available on our website for anyone that was unable to attend or those that would like to access them as a follow up.

### Phrases of the Week



**¿Cómo estás?** - How are you?

**Estoy muy bien, gracias. ¿Y tú?** - I am well, thank you. And you?

### Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Diyaan	Prathana	Powell	Daisy	
Khiraad	Harry	Scarlett	Robin	
Y1 Elder	Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple



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Terry	Gessica	Alayna	Mareya	Kaseon
Nabil	Rooda	Rathushan	Abishanth	Heavenly
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Fatemah	Micah	Aliane	Melania	Caius
Johan	Eisa	Nesh	Mojere	Virukshika
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Panth	Fardusa	Zianna	Anaaya	Parthan
Faiz	Ismail	Arianna	Zaim	Elnathan
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Lishana	Mia-Rose	Triston	Adrina	Madison
Keisha	Ethan	Rayan	Yasmin	Nilana
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Amalia	Farzeen	Alexus-Dior	Salma	Nyah
Jezreel	Matthew	Jason	Cyrielle	Meer
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Aleena	Afia	Theo	Zara	Kianna
Arjunan	Janoah	Niyah	Lilybelle	Muhammad
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Celine Holly			Mercy Lime	Amelie Olive





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### West Thornton Primary Winter Fair

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# WINTER FAIR

Tuesday 13th December 22  
3.15pm to 5.30pm  
ROSECOURT ROAD, CRO 3BS

Thursday 15th December 22  
3.15pm to 5.30pm  
CANTERBURY ROAD, CRO 3HH

- Santa's grotto •
- bouncy castle •
- face painting •
- henna •
- arts and crafts •
- games •
- prizes •
- and much more!

If you would like to join the PTA,  
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