



West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

16th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our children and their families a wonderful Christmas and a very happy 2023! Thank you to you all for your support and commitment to our wonderful school, we look forward to continuing to work together in 2023!

Our staff and children worked with such dedication in the preparation of our Christmas concerts and we hope that you enjoyed watching them as much as we did performing them. The children may even tell you about the wonderful staff performance of Cinderella that we shared with them on both sites! The children had lots of fun and they were so excited!

We would also like to share with you that Mr Turner who teaches in Year 2 at Canterbury Road will sadly be leaving us as he is relocating to North London. We would like to thank him for his dedication to our school and wish him all the best for the future.

Please enjoy the holidays with your friends, family and loved ones and we will see you all on our return on the 3rd January 2023!

Attendance

Well done to our attendance superstars this week:

	Rosecourt Road	Canterbury Road
EYFS	Pine 88.0	Willow 94.4
KS1	Spruce 96.0	Palm 90.5
KS2	Cypress 96.3	Hawthorn 96.3



Curriculum Focus

Reception

In literacy this week, the children have been learning to edit their sentences. They have been introduced to the 'Writer's Toolkit' which reminds them to check for capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. They have learnt that capital letters must come at the beginning of the sentences, as well as learning that capital letters are needed for names. They have continued to use their phonetic knowledge to write simple sentences using the sentence stem 'It is a ____.'

In maths, reception have been revisiting all the concepts they have learnt this half term. They have recapped how to represent numbers and have made their own number book for the maths area. They have practised using a number line to find one more and one less than a number and have used that knowledge to order numbers. They have recapped estimation and how their guess must be sensible.

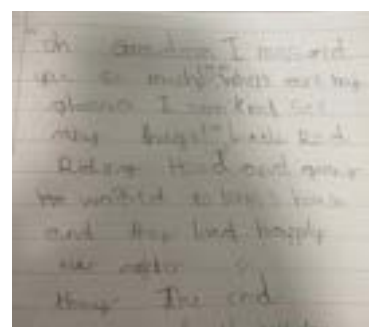
As part of our provision this week, reception have been exploring Christmas. They have been taking part in activities, such as making paper chains, writing lists and letters to Father Christmas as well as painting snowmen and penguins! In topic, they have been learning about festivals and what others celebrate. They have discussed the similarities and differences between our different celebrations.



Year One

This week in Year 1, the children have demonstrated their amazing writing skills by rewriting the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They have generated ideas to innovate parts of the story to make it their own and independently written it.

In maths, the children this week have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. They have been learning about the different properties and how to





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use these to identify them. The children have also used their knowledge to sort the shapes in different ways and explained how they have done so.

In the Wider curriculum, the children have enjoyed learning about how materials are made and collaborated to organise the processes in which it is done. The children have really enjoyed completing their DT projects of a building in Croydon. Finally the children demonstrated their amazing singing skills by performing songs and a poem to their family and friends, thank you for your support in joining them.



Year Two

Year 2 had a fantastic start to the week with their second winter concert! Thank you to those who were able to attend. This week in English, children completed their suspense narrative after weeks of skill building and planning. They were able to include the features to make a good narrative for their final piece and even proof-read and edit by upleveling their sentences.

In maths this week the children have been learning how to exchange when adding/subtracting 2 digit numbers. They used manipulatives to support their learning.

As we have reached the end of our History topic 'inventors', the children have produced a fact file based on a significant person of their choice that they had to research.



Year Three

Year 3 had festive fun at the start of the week, as family and friends came to watch them perform their winter concert, with the Year 4s. The children entertained the audience with their amazing singing, dancing and poetry. Warm smiles filled the chilly air!



In English, they have begun to piece together their newspaper article by beginning the editing process. They were able to successfully proof-read and uplevel their writing, to be the best journalist they can be.



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In maths, the children continued their learning journey to improve their multiplication and division skills. They have been able to make connections between multiplication and division, and now understand how they can help to solve mathematical problems. They now know that if you know your 2 times table, you can double it to find the 8 times tables.

In wider curriculum, the children evaluated their Shaduf which they made last week. They thought about how successful and effective their mechanism was. In RE, the children learnt about the story of Jesus to continue with the festive theme and they had a lot of fun acting in role as Mary, Joseph and the innkeepers. In science, the children reflected on their learning journey and made a double page spread of their learning from forces and magnets.

Year Four

Our last week of year 4 has been a fantastic one! In English, the children have shown wonderful enthusiasm as they have learned about different types of sentences and different types of conjunctions as well, using the acronyms F.A.N.B.O.Y.S and I.S.A.W.A.W.A.B.U.B to assist them. They have

applied this knowledge to create their own wide range of sentences about the various effects of climate change, highlighting these in incredibly creative and engaging ways.



In Maths, we have been focusing on division and multiplication, specifically on column multiplication and the bus-stop method of division. They have shown incredible focus and resilience as they learnt the rules of each concept, and have produced fantastic results.

In Geography, the children have shown some incredible energy and vision as they created their own signs for their climate change protest. Working in groups, they collaborated to make a slogan and a design, and the results have been absolutely brilliant!





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Year Five

This week, Year 5 have completed their biographies and we are incredibly impressed with the children's efforts. The children confidently used a range of literary devices such as; alliteration, personification and onomatopoeia to write pieces of an excellent standard.

In mathematics, the children enjoyed maths investigations and maths/science escape rooms, using their knowledge of Science and the 'Four Operations' to answer clues.

The children completed their units in Geography and DT this week and we are pleased with the children's outcomes in these areas.

Year 5 and the Year 5 team are so excited to be going to the New Wimbledon Theatre today. Mrs Ogunnubi-Sime managed to get 180 free tickets for the whole of Year 5 to see Cinderella. This theatre trip consolidates the learning that children had in Autumn 1 when we focussed on play script writing.

Mrs Ogunnubi-Sime will be leaving the team this term. She would like to say thank you to the children and families for their support and kindness and wishes everyone a lovely Christmas and a happy new year.

Year 5 would like to wish everyone a peaceful Christmas/holiday and wonderful New Year.



Year Six

The final week in year 6 has been as industrious as usual, with a particular focus on completing our version of the Stella by Starlight story and our Science/D.T. project, involving electricity.

Many of the children have really captured the essence of the Stella by Starlight story, even in some cases, mimicking the Southern States dialect, when using direct speech. The original story is very informative and in many ways inspiring. The children have certainly gained a great deal of knowledge about those troubled times in American history and can make real links with today's society in the UK.



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As you know, the children in year 6 had a bit of a disappointment, with the postponement of the trip to the Science Museum. However, the delay did provide us with more time in the classroom, which meant we could provide a very reasonable opportunity for the children to experiment with electrical circuits and build alarm systems. Much fun was had by all!

It was good to see so many parents and guardians attend the Year 5/6 Christmas Concerts. The children in year 6 made a rather grand job of the song, "Somewhere Only We Know". Also, on the Rose Court site, the poetry readers were quite stunning, considering they had just two rehearsals before they had to perform.

All that remains for us to say is have a good break and enjoy the festivities, however you celebrate and we will see you next year!

Community

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such fantastic winter fairs! It was very special getting our school communities together and the stalls were exciting and creative in equal measure! We are sure that these events will go from strength to strength in years to come!





Phrases of the Week



¡Feliz Navidad y próspero año a todos! - Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone!

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Shayan	Safiyah	Krishiv	Sharuk	
Khauban	Vinojan	Kavya	Alayah	
Y1 Elder	Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple
whole Class	Whole class	Dhrishy	whole class	Anamika
		Nitya		Reyansh
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
All of Aspen Class	Anthony	Markel	All of Rowan Class	All of Spruce Class
	Stephen	Rym		
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Srilaya	Yasmine	Rianna	All of Walnut Class	Aayan
Harini	Dylan	Reggie- Jay		Misha
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Apishiya	Neva'ah	Tatiana	Samra	Meryam
Heba	Mia -Rose	Chrisanda	Joswin	Alishba
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
All of Cypress Class	All of Hawthorn Class	All of Magnolia Class	Bhavan	All of Sycamore Class
			Kaaviyaa	



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Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
All of Year 6 - You've been amazing this week				
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Years 3,4,5 and 6 Canterbury Road				