



West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

3rd March 2023

What another lovely week at West Thornton! Today, we have had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day. It has been fantastic to see all the book character costumes and people in their pyjamas. We especially liked hearing about the favourite books people liked in assembly. "I like spider man books because he helps people." Thariz - Elm class



I really like the Dinosaur that pooped Christmas because Christmas is my favourite time of year and the book makes me laugh.
Miss Rodgers



Darth Vader visited us and liked our school values.





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Earlier in the week, we held a parent engagement SATs for year 6 and it was great to see so many parents attending to support their children. In another opportunity for parents to join their children in learning, this week we held our parent reading sessions which are proving more and more popular.

Finally, a reminder that next week, on **Friday 10th March**, the school will be closed for INSET day. Have a wonderful weekend.

Attendance

Well done to all these classes who had attendance above 96% this week:

Reception Pine	97.5%
Y2 Spruce	96.7%
Y3 Cedar	97.9%
Y3 Walnut	99.2%
Y4 Beech	98.1%
Y4 Acacia	98.8%



Y4 Hornbeam	97.1%
Y5 Silver Birch	96.9%
Y5 Magnolia	97.9%
Y5 Cypress	97.2%
Y6 Blackthorn	98.0%
Y6 Acer	97.1%

Curriculum Focus

Reception



This week in literacy, the children have continued learning about their global theme of sustainability. They have learnt what the word 'sustainable' means and how our actions can affect the planet. In their writing they have been making promises about what they can do to be sustainable using the sentence stems 'I promise to ...' and 'I will ...'. The children have made promises such as promising to turn the tap off to save water, promising to recycle and even promising to walk to school instead of using the car!



In maths, reception have been revisiting subtraction. They have been practically subtracting and then moving on to using pictorial representations to take away. The children have been recalling prior knowledge and remembering that when they subtract that their number becomes less.



As part of their learning in topic, the children have been learning about Easter and what it means to Christians. During this lesson they learnt about the Easter story and also learnt about the



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different traditions Christians have at Easter. They even got to taste some hot cross buns and exchanged small Easter eggs!

Year One

In year 1 this week the children have continued their work on the text Grandad's island. The children started to innovate the story changing the island that the characters travelled to on their boat. In their writing the children used adjectives to describe nouns, verbs to describe movements and emotive language to create dialogue between the characters Syd and Grandad.



In maths the children have continued to learn about measurement, the children learning to use a ruler accurately to measure objects in centimetres. The children learnt that to measure accurately you need to place the object at the 0. The number that is closest to the end of the object is how long the object is. The children used the rulers to measure a range of objects in the classroom, recorded the lengths in cm and compared the objects to find the longest and shortest.

In History this week the children have been learning about the government and the job of the Prime Minister to implement rules and laws to help run the country. The children were given the opportunity to discuss things they would change and rules they would make if they were Prime Minister of West Thornton Primary school.

Year Two

This week the children have been busy showing us what they have learnt this year through their assessments in preparations for their SATs in May. Thank you to all our parents who attended the SATs workshop on Wednesday morning and for all the support that you have been giving them at home. It has also been great to see so many reading books being returned each week and the children making great progress with their reading fluency as a result of all of their reading at home.



On top of their assessments Year 2 have continued their shape unit this week looking at 3D shapes and identifying their features; faces, vertices and sides. Then

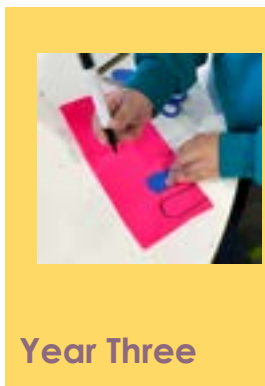


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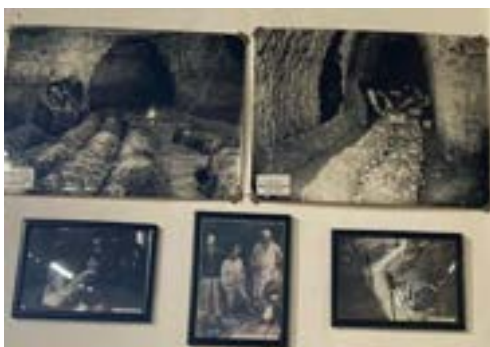
in English they have been getting to know their new core text, the story of Frog Belly Rat Bone, by writing about the key events and using different emotion words to describe the main character's feelings at various points in the story.

In DT the children have been applying their knowledge of different puppets that they learnt last week to create finger puppets. They created templates using their fingers and then cut out the felt pieces and stuck them together. Finally added some great details including hair and facial features. They looked fabulous and the children can't wait to bring home and share them with you all.



This week all the children in year 3 have been working very hard to complete all of their assessments and show the great improvements they have made in their core subjects such as Maths, English and SPAG. Apart from showing great rigour in their exams, the children have been understanding the importance of argument, fact and opinion and have put their skills to the test in an interactive outdoor lesson in which their opinions on deforestation were expressed.

During maths this week the children have been busy understanding what perimeter is. Through finding the perimeter of different shapes they learnt how to calculate it. The children then started learning about fractions. First they recapped their learning from Year 2, they then learnt what a unit fraction was and what a non-unit fraction was.



It was a very exciting day for Year 3's at Canterbury Road site when the children went on a trip to Chislehurst caves. They had a tour of the caves, which had stone age art on the walls. Next



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week Walnut class will be going on the same trip and Cedar and Larch will get to go very soon in the following week.

Year Four

The week began with the children working hard on their assessments, which has shown the improvements they have made in their learning since the beginning of the academic term. Year 4 children took the assessments seriously and many surprised themselves with the progress they had made so far.

In English this week, the children have immersed themselves in our new core text 'The Goldfish Boy' by Lisa Thompson. They are learning more and more about the main character Matthew, who has OCD and is afraid of germs. The children have been inspired by events in the core text to write their own engaging narratives. They have been learning about the devices they can use to grab their readers attention, such as, the use of figurative and emotive language, in order to paint a vivid picture for the reader.

In maths, the children have been learning about equivalent fractions and exploring fractions greater than 1. They have then applied this knowledge to solve reasoning problems on fractions.

Year Five



This week students in year five have shown great persistence and resilience as they complete their Spring 2 assessments. They have demonstrated their vast knowledge in arithmetic, maths reasoning, reading, grammar, punctuation, and spelling. The year five students should be congratulated on their progress and dedication to their learning.

In English, the children have begun writing the opening to their monologues. They analysed a scene from our reading text 'A Kind of Spark' and created a role play based on what they had read. They then went on to emphasise thoughts





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and feelings, while showing their ability to use a range of effective verbs to advance the plot.

Children have continued to explore tenths, hundredths, and thousandths decimals. They have used dienes to consolidate their knowledge and understand how 1 can be broken into thousandths. Children have challenged their maths thinking to identify decimals on a number line, as well as provide reasoning to equations to explain them.



Year Six

This week, Year 6 have shown our West Thornton values of resilience and excellence. They have completed their penultimate assessments before their SATS papers and the confidence within the children is increasing rapidly! They took this week as an opportunity to shine and show off what they have learnt over the last few months - I am sure that they will be very proud of themselves today!

In English, the children have become poets and wrote a poem about a soldier wearing a gas mask. They used a range of figurative, descriptive and emotive language to create imagery and engage the reader and help them to understand what it was like to experience a gas attack during WW2.

Finally, it was fantastic to see some of the excellent costumes that the children wore for World Book Day! The children loved talking about the books that they had been reading and making recommendations to one another. A lovely highlight amidst the busy revision for SATS was being able to be reading buddies for the afternoon!

Enrichment

This week in music lessons, children have been using the Djemba drums to showcase their learning during drumming lessons. The school has been filled with the sound of beating drums and has been fantastic to listen to.

Next week, year 3 at Rosecourt Road will be visiting the Chislehurst caves.



Parent Engagement

Anti - Bullying Workshops for parents

In response to parent feedback, Miss New and Miss Adekola will be leading two anti-bullying workshops. The aims of the sessions will be to inform parents of our anti bullying policy and how we support children in school. The sessions will be on Tuesday 21st March at 9.00am at Canterbury Road and Wednesday 22nd March at 3.45 at Rosecourt Road. We look forward to seeing you.

Phrases of the Week



¡Feliz día mundial del libro! - Happy world book day!

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Yusuf	Anika	Ohm	Thenila	
Tracey	Asrithan	Tahiratou	Chris	
Y1 Elder	Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple
Nihar	Grace	Fatima	Wali	Kiran
Aadheesh	Amirah	Arinze	Cassidy	Heavenly
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Kailyn	Lily	Gabriella	Helna	Virukshika
Eagan	Eisa	Hassan	Ava	Abdellah
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut



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Massita	Ismail	Kavya	Isabella	Humaira
Romarie	Khashifa	Yasmine	Josiah	Raul
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Rithish	Kayden	Maliyah	Samra	Joel
Amelia	Kyron	Siabna	Joswin	Mohammad
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Ethan	Keiran	Rayan	Aarharan	Abdi
Celine	Ibrahim	Valerie	Zahra	Hashir
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Abdullah	Fadil	Ajjiisthan	Samarth	Kaue
Jai	Govind	Sanjivan	Albie	Kier-Retta
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Raul Chestnut			Caius Spruce	Aliyah Magnolia