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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

26th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Spring is definitely in the air! The days are getting longer, the flowers are blooming, and our classrooms are buzzing with busy learners. There was much excitement this week as clubs have restarted. We are delighted to be offering over 27 extra-curricular clubs across both of our sites for our children to enjoy.

We were very proud this week as some of our Year 6 Mathematicians competed in the UK Junior Maths Challenge. This national competition was a great opportunity for them to test their problem-solving skills and enjoy some fun mathematical puzzles.

Attendance

Well done to these classes with attendance over 97%

A special Well Done to RR Year 2 Rowan Class with 100% this week

CR Year 3 Cherry

CR Year 4 Hornbeam

CR Year 6 Holly

RR Year 1 Maple Class

RR Year 2 Rowan Class

RR Year 2 Spruce Class

RR Year 3 Cedar Class

RR Year 3 Walnut Class

RR Year 4 Beech Class

RR Year 5 Cypress Class

RR Year 6 Eucalyptus Class

RR Year 6 Juniper Class



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Curriculum Focus

Reception

As the children continue to explore their core text 'It's Okay to be Different', they have been sharing stories about their families. They have discussed the members who make up their families, shared photographs of them, discussed the things they celebrate and located countries they come from on maps. They have explored how all families are different and also found many similarities.



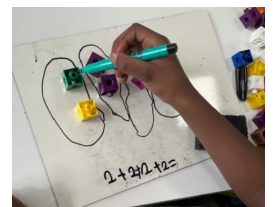
In literacy lessons the children have written sentences to describe the members who make up their families. They have been practising writing tricky words and using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In maths lessons the children have continued to explore teen numbers. They have used a variety of resources to compose each number and have recorded their new knowledge as written number sentences. They know that each teen number is made up of ten and ones.

Year One

This week in Year 1, the children had an exciting letter response arrive from Greenpeace. They used the skills they have identified in letters to write their own responses about a gorilla they found in their garden, an idea innovated based on their core text 'Dear Greenpeace'.

In maths, the children have been learning about arrays and using them to count groups of numbers. They first had to identify the number of rows and columns, then use repeated addition to add them together by using their knowledge of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's to add them together.



In Science this week, the children continued their learning about plants and worked in groups to plant their own seeds. They will be monitoring their progress and watching how they grow over the term. In Re this week, the



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children continued their learning on Hinduism and the meaning behind their religious symbols.

Year Two

We have a great week this week immersing ourselves in everything Caribbean and Carnival! In English, the children have been enjoying their core text 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin by putting themselves in Floella's shoes and thinking about how she must've felt leaving her familiar surroundings in Trinidad and sailing the seas to get to England. In Maths, the children continued to build on their knowledge of mass, weight and temperature identifying intervals of 2's, 5's and 10's as well as calculating intervals in between. They also began to understand the concept of estimating so they could make a good guess about the value of missing numbers on a numberline. In DT, the children used the drawing and cutting skills to create a colourful feather made of card which they will be able to include in their final designs. As well as this, they learnt about fold and joining techniques to research the most robust way to create a durable headdress. In RHE, the children learnt about money matters identifying and discussing how money is earned and what adults have to spend their money on.



Learning objective: To explore the ways people receive money.

Date: 23-04-2024

Name: Izabella

How do adults get money?

Word bank		
job	present	help
benefit	earn	receive

Draw and label an illustration of one of the ways adults can get money.

Write about one of the ways adults can get money and how it can help them pay for things.

A teacher earns money when they do a good job.

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Adults can get money by being a shopkeeper and paying by giving the customer change.

Year Three

We have had a very busy week in year 3! We are all fully engaged with our core text Oliver Twist. The children have explored different scenes of the film and generated effective setting descriptions that will paint a clear picture in your mind of the characters surroundings. They have also explored the thoughts and feelings of characters enabling them to remain in character and write a monologue.



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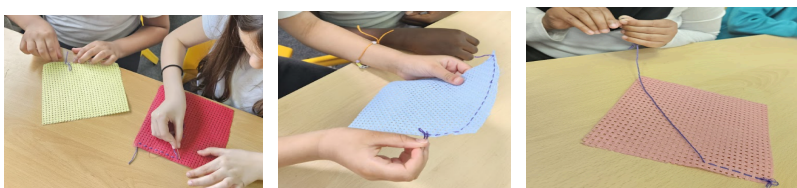
In maths, the children have continued to broaden their knowledge and understanding of fractions and finding fractions of an amount. They are able to identify and understand the difference between unit and non unit fractions. They have used pictorial representations, bar models and part whole models to solve a variety of problems. They can now confidently add and subtract fractions.

The children have continued to explore and extend their knowledge across the wider curriculum. In science they have learnt about the five things that plants need to grow. They were able to explain why plants need each element.

There was a lot of excitement during our history lesson, as the children continued to explore the Bronze Age. This week they were looking at what it was like living in a Bronze Age settlement. The children got to be hands on with their creativity as they got to make their own roundhouse, using clay, twigs and shredded paper.



In DT, the children are preparing to make money containers- purses or wallets. During this week's lesson they learnt about different stitching techniques. They practised threading needles and stitching on a binca, using the running stitch.



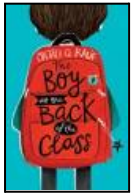
Year Four

In maths this week, the children have continued to deepen their understanding of decimal numbers by ordering them into ascending or descending order, rounding, ending the week by adding them. This week the children also started to look at the relationship between fractions and decimals and in particular how to write quarters and halves as decimals. All of this should help all the children enormously when we start looking at the maths of money next week!



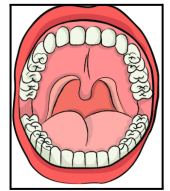
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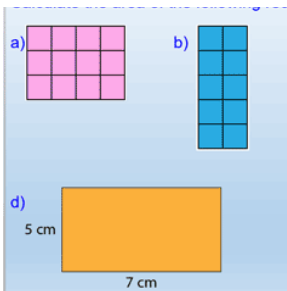
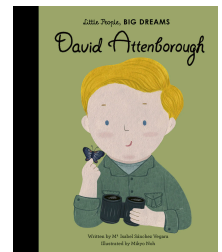
This week in our English lessons, the students took on the role of the main character, Ahmet, from our core text "The Boy at the Back of the Class." They engaged in a creative writing activity where they wrote a letter to their grandmother, expressing Ahmet's experiences since arriving in England and sharing how much they miss their home. It was a valuable opportunity for them to delve into Ahmet's perspective and reflect on the challenges of adapting to a new environment.

In science this week, our students explored the topic of teeth as part of their study on the digestive system. They delved into understanding the various types of teeth and their respective functions. It was an engaging and informative lesson that deepened their knowledge of how our bodies process food.



Year Five

We've had another excellent week in Year 5. In English, we have started to write biographies about David Attenborough. We have been looking at using facts whilst creating an interesting tone that readers will enjoy. We have mixed a few examples of figurative language with complex sentences and a variety of adverbial phrases to create interesting and informative texts. We will be finishing these next week.



In maths, our focus has moved to shapes, specifically finding the perimeter and area of rectilinear shapes. We have consolidated our understanding of finding perimeter of polygons and have used this knowledge to further our understanding of finding the area of squares and rectangles. We have counted the squares in the shapes before moving on to using the formula to move onto calculating the area.

In Science, we have looked at how a baby grows in utero and have used fruit to understand its size depending on how many weeks it is. We



were surprised to see that a baby begins its development as only the size of a poppy seed! We were also surprised at how quickly it grows given that it starts so small!



In Geography, we have continued to look at the idea of natural resources and looked at the different natural resources that are used around the world. This connects to our DT as we are investigating and designing our own wind turbines. We will hopefully be having a go at making some at the end of the half term!



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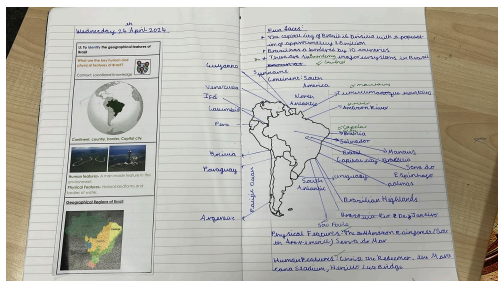
Year Six

What another busy week it has been for our year sixes, with SATS soon approaching it has definitely been all systems go. In English, we have finished writing a creative piece based on the animation 'El Caminante': a short story about an intrepid tight-rope walker, who disrupts the monotonous life of a sleepy Spanish village. His eyes are hypnotic, his smile - beguiling. But will his bold and breathtaking act succeed in the end?

Children have explored various literary techniques to describe and develop characters through action and dialogue; created atmosphere through metaphors and figurative language; and practised varying the pace of writing through a range of punctuation and sentence length.

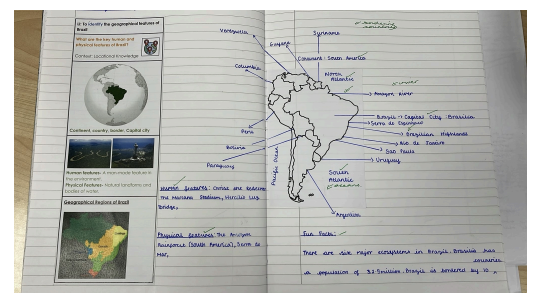


In Maths we focused our lessons on securing solving problems that include the four operations before moving on to solving word problems that involve measurement. In the afternoons we also spent some time ensuring we knew how to order fractions, subtract fractions from a whole and finding a whole from a fraction.



In Geography this week, the children thoroughly enjoyed identifying the geographical features of Brazil. The children used maps and atlases to locate the continent South America and the country Brazil. They identified the countries bordering Brazil, before concentrating on Brazil's

environmental regions, key physical and human features, and major cities.





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Maths T-Shirt Competition - Update

Hi everyone! I wanted to share some of the amazing entries I have received for the Design a Maths T-Shirt Competition:



The amount of effort that has gone into all the designs has been out of this world! Every single child who has entered should be extremely proud of their achievements. It has been really difficult to decide the winners but they will be announced shortly. Well done everyone!

Phrases of the Week



El valor del mes de West Thornton es la COLABORACIÓN. - West Thornton's half termly value is COLLABORATION.

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow
Anaum	Anshika	Qamar	Nazima



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Javarie	Aayan	Shayma	Jassem	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Nylah-Rae	Regan	Basil	Safiyah	
Gabriel	Tahiratou	Tracey	Asrithan	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Mustafa	Rooda	Riaab	Harish	Leo
Isabella	Kayalvily	Zion	Kylie-Shae	Krish
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Sharrick	Lily	Anaya	Jennifer	Elhaan
Arleen	Liana	Hazel	Isiah	Stanley
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Kacy-Rose	Maja	Melaine	Dominykas	Tanuj
Rianna	Harun	Kiven	Fardusa	Asiya
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Karshick	Rexharrison	Isla mae	Mommad-Afan	Whole Class
Yolanda	Naaba	Kyron	Hamna	
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Jezreel	Mel	Matthew	Yasmin	Arham
Saif	Aariya	Shaniyah	Abel	Arsheem
Spanish	Music			
Jahmeil Cherry				



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Community



We are so proud of the boys football team who won their last match 3 - 0, against Selsdon Primary School.

This brings the boys to the finals, further information will be made available nearer the time, as parental support at the match is welcome.

Now that spring is here, we are working on the raised flower beds at both sites. We have planted two beds of wild flowers and pollinator plants at Rosecourt road which by June and July should (wood pigeons permitting) be in full bloom.

We are always looking for new plants to plant in other beds so if you're a keen gardener and have cuttings, seedlings or seeds, we would appreciate any donations however small. We would also welcome any donations of old tools that our team of pupil gardeners can use, particularly spades, trowels and forks.



Thank you!

List of local food and baby banks

West Thornton Primary School Alternative Wednesdays	We are proud to run our own food stall at both sites on alternative Wednesdays from 3:15pm (when the school gates open) We also have a limited amount of tinned, frozen and hygiene items available upon request. This can be accessed at any time by contacting the school office and asking for either Miss Williams (RR) or Miss Liburd (CR)
Food Bank: Thursday - Food Parcels in Croydon - Floating Counselling We offer FREE weekly food parcels, toiletries	When: Free weekly food parcels every Thursday at 4 pm. Where: Woodside Memorial SE25 5HU (Bus 197/Blackhorse Lane tram stop). For more information: email



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	<p>info@floatingcounselling.co.uk or call 07305 882959</p>
<p>Esther Community Enterprise (ECE) food bank service for residents in Croydon and surrounding areas.</p>	<p>Office Address: 23 Ramsey Court, Church Street, Croydon, Surrey, CR0 1RF</p> <p>*We don't do deliveries and we only take Referrals</p> <p>To find out more call 0794 7488497 or 0789 1555938 or contact June Ross MBE on email: hello@eceuk.org</p> <p>Keep up to date with information on our facebook page</p>
<p>Food Bank: Sunday - Food parcels in South Norwood (FB)</p> <p>RCCG The New Creation Assembly For All Nations (NECAN)</p>	<p>RCCG The New Creation Assembly For All Nations (NECAN) is now part of the Looprun Free - food outlet offering fruits /vegetables, bakery /occasional meat, tea, and coffee.</p> <p>Open Sundays from 12 pm to 1 pm, last admission 12.45 pm.</p> <p>Telephone: 020 8699 2386, 07956871046 Email: rccgnewcreation@btinternet.com Website: http://rccgnewcreation.com</p>
<p>Food Bank: Friday Food Stop - Purley Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church Food Stop in Purley for local families based at the Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church on Friday between 9 am-12 noon.</p>	<p>Clients receive £15 to £20 worth of fresh food and other groceries for £3.50 a week.</p> <p>For more information about The Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church Food Stop email:</p> <p>foodstop@ollbc.org.uk, or office@ollbc.org.uk or call 0208 668 6260.</p> <p>Voluntary groups wanting to use this Food Stop as a local collection point can contact gcc@croydon.gov.uk for more information.</p>
<p>Food Bank: Friday Soup Kitchen - Thornton Heath (FB) Croydon Muslim Association The Soup Kitchen has provided every Friday (for 8 years) an estimated minimum of 52,000 meals.</p>	<p>Currently, the Soup Kitchen provides 125 hot-packed meals, cooked by a local restaurant</p> <p>When: Every Friday between 7- 8 pm</p> <p>Where: In the forecourt of Croydon Mosque, 525 London Road, Thornton Heath CR7 6AR (Opposite main entrance of the hospital).</p> <p>For more information please text Ashtaq Arain on 07951 069211</p>
<p>Baby banks</p>	



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<p>Essentials to families in need - West Croydon (Family)</p> <p>This Baby Bank in the Croydon area supports local families (and beyond) who are in urgent need of help. We can help with nappies, wipes, formula milk, toiletries, clothes, and more.</p>	<p>Where: Church of God (Seventh Day) Croydon Our 'Building Blocks' Baby Bank provides essentials to families in need in Croydon</p> <p>When: Open every Monday between 11 am - 2 pm (excluding Bank Holidays) Where: Donation and Collection from Church of God 7th Day, Croydon Road, Croydon CR0 3SE</p> <p>Donations of good quality items will be gratefully received every Monday between 11 am - 2 pm (excluding Bank Holidays) at the Church of God 7th Day, Derby Road Croydon CR0 3SE.</p>
<p>Growbaby Purley</p> <p>Grace Vineyard Purley Croydon, London</p>	<p>Good quality second-hand clothes and equipment up to 5 years. Our clients come from Croydon and further afield. We do not need any referrals but aim to bless and support all who come to us.</p> <p>Location Montpelier Church, Biddulph Road, South Croydon, CR2 6QB.</p> <p>Opening Hours Tuesday mornings between 9.30am and 11.30 during term time.</p>
<p>Church & Community Centre</p> <p>The Salvation Army in Thornton Heath seeks to be a beacon of hope and meet people's needs as best as possible, either directly or in partnership with other community organisations. This can range from baby & toddler groups, support groups, supporting refugees and victims of human trafficking, practical assistance and providing a space for community groups to support all ages within the community of Thornton Heath.</p> <p>Our Baby Bank collects and redistributes good quality baby items, in order to assist families in need.</p>	<p>Where we are:</p> <p>66 High Street Thornton Heath CR7 8LF United Kingdom</p> <p>Email address: thornton.heath@salvationarmy.org.uk Phone: 020 8665 0327</p>
<p>Stripey Stork</p> <p>We supply a mixture of new/good condition pre-loved baby/children's items – clothing, toys, equipment, toiletries – from birth up to age 16. Stripey Stork operate on a referrals only basis, which means families can't self-refer. We accept referrals from a wide range of organisations – social workers, health visitors, family centres, food banks, women's refuges, teachers and nurses. If you are a family in need of help, please ask a support agency or family support worker to make a referral on your behalf</p>	<p>https://stripeystork.org.uk/</p> <p>Please speak with Miss Williams (RR) or Miss Liburd (CR) for a referral into this service</p>