



## West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

7th June 2024

Welcome back from half term. We have really enjoyed this week: of particular note, has been some fantastic writing in Reception, Year 1 and in Year 6; our Junior Leadership Teams meeting to discuss how to improve our school further; and, of course, Design & Technology Week - which has been DELICIOUS!

### **Design Technology Food Week**

It has been a culinary delight in school this week as we held our annual Design Technology Food Week. Not only have the children developed their design and technology skills, from measuring and mixing to following recipes and using tools safely, but they have also gained valuable life skills and a deeper appreciation for different cultures and cuisines. Our young chefs have been busy in the kitchen, exploring different cuisines and techniques, all while developing their cooking knowledge and skills.

In reception our youngest bakers got their hands messy, rolling out dough and decorating delightful biscuits with a range of sprinkles and iced decorations. Year 1 transformed into fruit salad artists, learning about portion sizes and colourful combinations of healthy delicious fruits that they had enjoyed tasting earlier in the week. Children in Year 2 took a trip around the world to Trinidad, explored the wonderful cuisine of the Caribbean, making their very own rotis. In Year 3 they mastered the art of the scone, creating both savoury and sweet variations – a perfect afternoon tea treat! Children in Year 4 got skewer-happy, designing and assembling colourful and delicious healthy kebabs. Calling all pizzaiolos! Year 5 donned their aprons and created their dream pizzas, complete with all their favourite toppings. They even designed their perfect pizza packaging to safely transport their pizzas in. Year 6 embarked on a South American adventure, exploring the world of Mexican cuisine.

School has been buzzing with creativity and delicious smells as we developed and learnt new skills as part of the Design and Technology food strand! We look forward to you hearing all about their favourite dishes at home!





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## **Boy's Football Team Win**

A huge well done to our Boy's Football Team who beat Royal Russell 8 - 1 in the final yesterday.



Fantastic effort from the boys, who brought home the trophy. It was a united effort from start to finish, which resulted in an amazing 8:1 win against Royal Russell. Huge thanks to the parents, carers and staff members who came to support.



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## **Visit**

Our CEO (Mr Rob Carpenter) and Chair of Trustees (Mr Andrew Lawrence) also visited our school this week, to meet with children, teachers and leaders. Mr Lawrence was extremely happy to see the many improvements in teaching and learning, especially linked to reading. He commented on the extremely positive culture of West Thornton Primary School - which made us very proud - and noted how children were really engaged in their work and showed our school values.

## **Attendance**

Finally, a polite reminder about the importance of attendance in the final half term of the academic year. Sadly attendance dropped in this term last half year. Remember that this time of year is an exciting time, with lots of hands-on topics, outdoor learning, other enrichment opportunities and trips. Mr Owen and Mrs Callaghan would not want any child to miss out on these opportunities and thank you in advance for ensuring that your children come into school every day.

## **Attendance**

Well done to those classes with over 97% attendance this week.

CR - Y3 Cherry

CR - Y3 Chestnut

CR - Y5 Hawthorn

CR - Y6 Holly

RR - Reception Pine

RR - Year 2 Poplar

RR - Year 3 Larch

RR - Year 4 Yew

RR - Year 6 Blackthorn

RR - Year 6 Eucalyptus

## **Curriculum Focus**

### **Reception**

It has been lovely to have all the children back after their half term holidays, ready for some great learning! In literacy, the children have been introduced to their new core text 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled.' They began the week solving a puzzle of the front cover and making predictions about what they thought would happen in the story. Lots of children saw that there were squirrels on the cover and that they looked 'mad'. This prompted a great discussion around vocabulary and the word 'squabbled'. They then explored





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the book and looked at the setting and where the story took place. They wrote descriptive sentences, such as 'I can see a pink sky.' and 'I can see a yellow tree and a red tree.'



In maths, the children have continued to extend their learning about sharing fairly. They have looked at how numbers that can be shared equally between two parts are actually even numbers and those that have one left over is an odd number.

This week has also seen the children complete their DT food project! They were given the task to design and make their own biscuits. They started the week taste testing different biscuits, such as bourbons and ginger nut biscuits and then designed their own decorations.

Afterwards, they made their biscuits by following a recipe and spent time decorating them. Finally they taste tested them and evaluated their biscuits!



### Year One

It has been great to see all the children back after half term! Year 1 has had a very exciting week, filled with learning and creativity thanks to DT week.



This week, Year 1 has been diving into the world of non-fiction texts. The children have looked at the differences between facts and opinions and explored the features of nonfiction books.

Our core text, "Someone Swallowed Stanley," has sparked a keen interest in plastic pollution. The children have been researching this important environmental issue, enhancing their understanding of how plastic affects marine life and what we can do to help.

In Maths, we have been focusing on place value up to 100. The children have been practising partitioning numbers, counting in 10s, and using the number line up to 100. These activities are helping them build a solid foundation in understanding the value of numbers and how they relate to each other.



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Our DT lessons have been a fruity adventure! On Monday, the children tasted a variety of fruits, including strawberries, mangoes, and oranges. They explored the taste, appearance, and flavour of each fruit and shared how much they liked them. On Tuesday, they planned two different fruit salads and then chose which one they wanted to make. Wednesday saw creativity in full swing as the children designed catchy labels for their fruit salad containers. On Thursday, they selected their favourite label design and carefully copied it onto a small label. Today, the big day has arrived, and the children will make their fruit salads. We hope they enjoy this delicious and healthy treat. It's been a week full of hands-on learning and creativity. We are so proud of the children's enthusiasm and hard work in all their activities.



Name of fruit	Type of fruit	Appearance	Taste	Rating
	fresh canned dried puree jam	red green orange yellow oval round long smooth rough	sweet sour juicy tangy soft hard	
Strawberries				😊 😊 😊

## Year Two

Year 2 have returned to school with great enthusiasm and eagerness for the final half term of year 2. In English, they have been reflecting on their learning over the last year. Then they have been applying all that they have learnt about writing in year 2 to construct sentences to explain what they have learnt, what they are most proud of and the challenges that they have overcome this year.

In maths they have begun a new unit all about position and direction. They began the week learning new vocabulary to give instructions about how to move. They practised giving their partners instructions using their new vocabulary.

This week they have also started to complete their end of year assessments. They applied all of the reading skills that they have learnt this year to complete reading comprehensions. They also applied their knowledge of spelling patterns and grammar to complete their SPAG papers too. They have continued to show the skill of resilience as they tried their best.

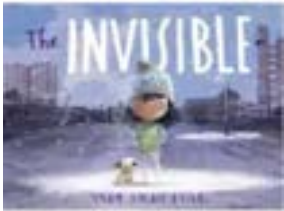
In the afternoons they have enjoyed DT food week. At the beginning of the week they began by researching food from Trinidad and Tobago. Then they learnt about rotis from Trinidad and Tobago. They also learnt about what makes a good advert and created their own adverts for their roti. Finally they planned, cooked and evaluated their rotis.



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### Year Three



This week, the children returned to school very excited about their final half term in year 3. At the start of the week, they were introduced to their new core text 'The Invisible'. The children began to explore the story, identifying the main character's emotions at different points in the story. They were then able to write a paragraph describing the character's body language and facial expression that showed the way they felt.

In maths, the children have continued to explore their understanding of time. The main focus has been to find the duration between different times. They applied their knowledge of addition and the use of a number line, to help them solve the problems.

Across the school this week, it has been DT week. Year 3's afternoons were spent preparing to make Victorian scones. The week started with them looking into and researching the origins of the scone. They then went on to learn the ingredients and instructions needed to make scones. The children had the opportunity to taste different scones before going on to designing a scone of their own to make. Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed the whole process of following instructions to make either a plain, raisin or cheese scone.



This week, they have also begun their summer assessments. The children were able to recall all of the knowledge that they have learnt and showcase it by completing their SPAG and arithmetic papers. The children were able to show independence and responsibility by effectively self assessing their spellings once finished.

### Year Four



In English this week, the children immersed themselves in our new core text 'The Goldfish Boy' by Lisa Thompson. During the week, a mysterious box appeared which sparked a great creativity in our classrooms. Imagine a box that whispers promises of adventure – that's what the children encountered!



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The children were then inspired to use figurative and emotive language to write a description of the box. With the use of similes and metaphors, their words painted a picture of a box that held secrets, guarded by a mysterious lock. But the real magic unfolded inside. It was like opening a doorway to another world, filled with strange and wonderful things. Who knows what hidden wonders they'll find next!



This week in maths, children have been taking the Times Tables multiplication check - well done to everyone for trying their best. The start of the week saw the children consolidating their learning from the year so far including revising how to work out fractions of amounts and multiplying and dividing a 3 digit number by a one digit number.



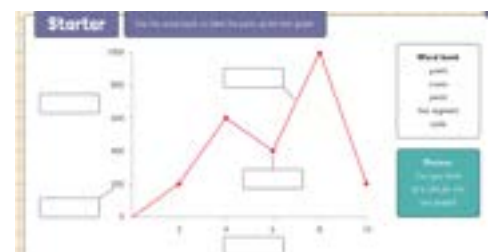
What an exciting food week it has been in DT! The children started off well by tasting and analysing whether they liked the different ingredients for a Greek-themed halloumi kebab. They then carefully planned, prepared, cooked and ate their kebabs with great enthusiasm! Delicious! or εὐγευστος in Greek. Always keen to improve, they then conducted a thorough evaluation. They also learned all about hygiene and safety in the kitchen. We hope they bring the skills they showed off so well in school, back home to help you in the kitchen!

### Year Five

Welcome back to West Thornton. The children in Year 5 have launched into their new and exciting learning this half term.

In English children have begun their term in debate mode! They have undertaken some research on a chosen topic in order to debate it as a whole class. Then they wrote an evaluation on the debate and concluded what the final standpoint was.

In maths this week, the children have been focusing on line graphs, they have learnt to interpret data and plot information on a graph to create a line graph. They have also learnt how to use a two way table correctly.



We have started our DT project, making a pizza, where children have explored different pizzas; decided upon a target audience; generated questions for their target audience; tasted different combinations of



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ingredients; written a detailed recipe; making sure they have included those imperative verbs and time conjunctions; and planned and made their pizzas. What fun they had!

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Wednesday 12 June  
10.15 AM-12.30 PM  
Room F10  
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Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil,  
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## Phrases of the Week



¡Bienvenidos y feliz semana de tecnología del diseño de alimentos a todos! -  
Welcome back and happy Food Design Technology week to everyone!



### Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Aaiza	Rizwan	Rashad	Mark	
Alexis	Haad	Nesma	Harry	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Muhammed	Szymon	Paulyn	Vinojan	
Chris	Ayra	Thiyan	Mirabel	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Evan	Sinead	Krish	Dev	Hoorain
Mareya	Imani	Joy	Sia	Jessica
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Persis	Aras	Nevaeh	Jessington	Rumaisa
Sanuthi	Rely	Rayan	Mya	Savio
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Aicha	Manahil	Hosna	Skylar	Panth
Aneeyah	Kaydon	Ejatu	Hasveka	Zayaana
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Drisna	Whole	Mathooshana	Diyan	Sasha
Keshia	Class	Armin	Meryam	Dylan
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Nadaniel	JJ	Joel	Aashir	Lakai
Yusra	Aaharan	Shaniyah	Minaal	Malleson
Spanish	Music			



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Dev Juniper	Alexcya YR Willow  Isabelly Y5 Hawthorn			
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