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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

21st June 2024

It's been another wonderful week at West Thornton as we draw closer to the end of the academic year. The children have been very busy continuing with their learning in the classrooms, while parents have also been joining in! We have a range of parental engagement sessions planned for the Summer 2 term so, if you haven't already, please come along and get involved!



Get Active with Your Family: PE Workshop a Big Hit!

This Tuesday afternoon, our playground was buzzing with energy during our exciting Parent and Child PE Workshop! Parents joined their little ones for a bootcamp-style challenge, complete with squats, agility games, sit-ups, and more!

It turned out that the all-time favourite activity was the King Square game, which is also a popular choice during our playtimes. Our brilliant sports leaders did a fantastic job of explaining and demonstrating each activity, making sure everyone felt confident to participate.

The event ended on a high note with a fun competition where teams (parents & kids!) put their new skills to the test. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed refreshing fruity treats to cool down.

We had a fantastic turnout, and many parents even requested these workshops to become a regular event! Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming PE Workshops in the autumn term newsletter. We can't wait to get active with you again!





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Attendance

Well done to those RR Year 5 Cypress with over 97% attendance this week.

Just a reminder the playground gates open at **8.40am** and your child is expected to enter school no later than **8.55am**. Lessons start promptly once the children are in school, it is important that they are not late.

- 5 minutes late a day = 3 days lost per year
- 10 minutes late a day = 6 days lost per year
- 15 minutes late a day = 10 days lost per year
- 30 minutes late a day = 19 days lost per year

Curriculum Focus

Reception



The reception children have been working hard this week to do their very best learning! In literacy, we have been describing the physical appearance of the two main characters in our core text, 'The Squirrels who Squabbled'. The children have written lovely descriptive sentences such as 'The squirrels have long tails.' and 'The squirrels have red fur.' They have also been

working on extending their sentences by including the conjunction 'and' - 'The squirrels have long tails and red fur.'

In maths, the Reception classes have been looking at positional language such as in front, behind, next to, and between and using it to describe the location of objects. They copied a friend's instructions to make a replica of their model and they created their own viewfinders to use to observe the same spot in the classroom from





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different angles (views) and discuss how an object's position changes based on the view you are looking at it from.

For topic this week, Reception read the story 'The Proudest Blue' and had a discussion about how each of us is different and wears/do different things and that our differences are something to be proud of. We then explored a variety of different cultural texts to have a greater understanding of a sense of belonging to a specific community.



Year One

This week in Year 1 the children have reflected on their learning journey. They wrote about what they are most proud of, what their biggest challenge was this year and what they look forward to in Year 2. You will have a chance to read their fantastic writing in their end of year reports!

In maths this week the children have been learning about money. They started to identify coins and their features by looking carefully at the size, shape and value of the coin. Once they became familiar with the coin, they were able to order them in value.

Year 1 had an exciting lesson in computing this week, they created their own JPEG documents, they were able to save them and locate them on the computer.



In Art this week the children sorted materials by textures, patterns and shapes they could see on pictures of jelly fish and recreated them using the materials.



Year Two

This week the children have been working hard in all areas of their learning. In writing they have been using descriptive language to create a setting and character description inspired by our core



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text, the film Gnomeo and Juliet. They will then use these characters to write their own adventure narratives.



In maths the children have been revisiting properties of 2D and 3D shapes as well as practising their arithmetic skills and strengthening their knowledge on 2 2-digit addition and subtraction problems. They have then been using these skills to answer word based problems.

In art the children have been looking at the artist Eric Carle. They have been exploring his work and looking at the different

styles and techniques he uses to create his work. This week the children have been practising different collage techniques, including tearing, cutting and layering. They will use these skills to create the backgrounds for their final pieces of art.



Year Three

Another busy week in Year 3! Firstly, we hope that all the families celebrating Eid this week had a lovely day with their loved ones.

In maths this week, we started our topic of angles and shape. The children spent this week identifying acute, obtuse and right angles. They also were able to explain what an angle is and identify them within objects in the classroom. We also looked at vertical and horizontal lines and discovered what perpendicular and parallel lines are.

English this week was focussed around our core text 'The Invisible' where the children used the skill of writing in 1st person to write 3 consecutive diary entries conveying the main characters thoughts and feelings throughout the story. The children successfully used show not tell language, commas in a list and a variety of descriptive techniques to entice their readers.

Within the wider curriculum, the children undertook an investigation in science looking at whether the length of our bones in our arms and legs affects how far we can throw or jump. The children worked in groups to carry out this investigation. They used their measuring skills from maths to help them answer their investigation questions. In Geography we looked at the physical features located in our local area and discussed the impact these have on our community. The children were able



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to give excellent examples of the benefits places like Beddington Park and Wandle Park provide us with.

Year Four

This week in maths, the children have continued their learning about shapes. They learnt about the different types of triangles and quadrilaterals and their properties. The children then used this knowledge to draw specific triangles and quadrilaterals with specific properties.

In writing, the children planned and then began writing their narrative based on our core text, The Goldfish Boy. The children are writing about a special magical chest that takes their character on an adventure. They have worked incredibly hard to ensure that they include all the necessary features in their story and have produced some truly fantastic paragraphs so far. Keep up the fantastic work year 4!

In Science, year 4 has further developed their excellent knowledge related to food chains. We took a deeper look into the role and relationships between the predator and prey in various food chains and discussed which animals can play both roles in different food chains. The children then played an incredibly interactive predator catching prey game as a class with role play.

Year Five

In Year 5, it has been a fantastic week of learning and creativity. In Maths, the children have been diving into the world of decimals, mastering the skills of adding and subtracting them, ensuring they are aligning digits correctly. Their growing knowledge in handling decimals has been impressive, showcasing their dedication and understanding.

In English, the focus was on creating a vivid and imaginative descriptive setting description, for our core text Floodlands. The children have done a remarkable job bringing their setting descriptions to life! They have used a variety of language devices that we have learnt throughout the year, their ability to use rich language and detailed imagery has truly shone through, making their writing captivating and immersive.

In Art, we continued looking at the work of the fabulous Esther Mahlangu. Children explored this by creating block prints inspired by Esther's work. The children cut their own shapes and used bold, bright colours to make their own patterns.





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Year Six

This week, the children have enjoyed learning about Evolution and Inheritance. They spent time observing each other's characteristics and discussing how these have been passed down through their genes. They collected data and then presented their findings clearly. They also had the opportunity to research different animals to understand how animals have adapted to survive in their habitats.

In writing, the children have thoroughly enjoyed designing their own luxury hotel or theme park. They have thought carefully about their target audience and how they are going to use a variety of language and structural features to persuade their audience to visit.

It has also been an exciting week as the children begin preparing for their end of year celebrations and leaver's assemblies. It has been great to see all of them joining in and enthusiastic about the performances!

Community

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Under 5's stay and play

With guest speaker from Legacy's Baby Zone

Free refreshments for parents and children

Messy Play

Games & activities

Meet new people and make friends

When: 28th June @ 9am
Where: The main hall @ Rose Court Road

Come and join us for a fun session of games, activities and free items for your little ones. Perfect for all pre-schoolers.



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Enrichment



Huge well done to all the children who competed in the Croydon Athletics Tournament which was held at Croydon Arena this Monday & Wednesday. We have Dion from Y5 through to the finals doing the 75 metre sprint, Jason from Y6 doing long jump and the boys relay team; Joel, Jason, Dion, Christopher, David A. all through to the finals this Friday.

We also have Isla May in Year 5 who came first in the 600 metre race and Valerie in Y6 who came first in the 90 metre sprint. We would love to see as many parents and carers in attendance on Friday, so do pop down to Croydon Arena if you're free - the event starts around 4pm.

Phrases of the Week



¿Qué tiempo hace hoy?- What's the weather like today?

Hoy hace sol y calor. - Today it's sunny and it is hot.

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow
Abilene	Hemnath	Maher Zain	Vihaan
Rosie	Esther	Avah	Aaira
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple
Hamza	Adona	Cheyavan	Jansi



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Alayah	Tahiratou	Dhanvi	Sufiyaan	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Mariama	Rayan	Keevah	Kylie-Shae	Chanelle
Darshan	Ayesha	Keyaan	Diyone	Michael
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Aliza	Baba	Azma	Liana	Ashylah
Ian	Daniella	Danilo	Moksh	Stanley
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Carol-Ann	Taha	Sharon	Apsaran	Jonathan
Alex S	Nistha	Yahya	Daniel	Lucy
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Apishiya	Madushen	Faith	Deon	Yanis
Vithushan	Niha	Saran	Rebeca. C	Lydia
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Saif	Emily	Jason	Elesh	Arsheen
Noorjahan	Mel	Valerie	Corina	Mohamed
Spanish	Music			
Mohammad Silver Birch	Arsheen & Delilah - Acer			