



West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

5th July 2024

July has got off to a fantastic start at West Thornton. Trips and visits are continuing to happen. Year 3 are taking turns to visit a library and are participating in storytelling sessions. Year 5 pupils are beginning to find out more about secondary school life with a visit to Archbishop Lanfranc. Children and parents were rocking to performances by the Rocksteady music group in the middle of the week. Also for the past couple of Fridays we have had Futsal Elite coming in to teach children about Futsal and giving them opportunities to play also. Not only this, many children had the chance to meet their new teachers this week also. Busy, busy, busy!

There's lots to look forward to also. We have the Summer Fair happening on Thursday 18th July. Look out for more information regarding this week throughout the week next week.



The children's author Banji Alexander will be visiting our school on both sites next week Monday 8th July (Rosecourt Road) and Tuesday 9th July (Canterbury Road). Banji will be selling copies of his books after school at both sites - you will be able to get them signed by Banji himself!

His book titled '**Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party**', comes highly recommended for primary aged children and has received wide acclaim from teaching professionals across the country, and MPs, including the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the Shadow

Minister for Schools, Stephan Morgan MP.

- Details a child's experience during lockdown
- Helps facilitate discussions around mental health and well-being
- Key themes are: Hope, Kindness, Resilience, Patience, Gratitude; Adapting to Change



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Attendance

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

- Reception Oak
- Year 1 Maple
- Year 2 Poplar
- Year 3 Larch
- Year 4 Yew
- Year 5 Magnolia
- Year 6 Blackthorn

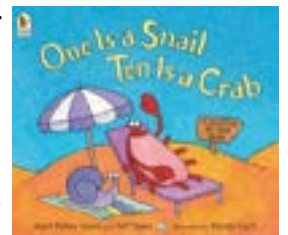
Curriculum Focus

Reception



This week in Reception, the children have been continuing with writing descriptive sentences using their core text 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled.' They have been describing the bear in the story, generating vocabulary and turning these into sentences. Some children have been working on using similes in their writing, such as 'The bear is angry like the Hulk.'

In maths, the children have been using number stories to practise their addition. Such stories included, 'One is a Snail, Ten is a crab', 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and 'Billy's Bucket'. In each story the legs of animals are counted and have been used to compose different numbers. For example, in 'One is a Snail, Ten is a crab' a snail and a person is 3 legs. A dog and a fly is 10 legs. The children have really enjoyed making their own number stories.



The children began their art project this week using the natural materials they collected from Coombe Woods on their trip last week. They have explored the work of Andy Goldsworthy, discussing the patterns they can see in his art



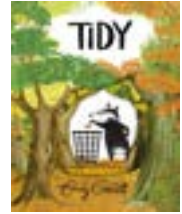
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installations. They have used natural materials to make their own art work inspired by Andy Goldsworthy.

Year One

This term, our Year 1 students have been getting creative with their writing skills. Inspired by Emily Gravett's book 'Tidy,' the children have embarked on an exciting journey to write their own versions of the story. Each student selected a unique setting, carefully planned their characters, and outlined the rest of their story.



In Maths, the children have been busy mastering the days of the week and months of the year. They have memorised these important sequences and can now confidently put them in order. Additionally, the children have started learning about time. To make this learning experience even more hands-on, they created their very own clocks.

In Art the children have been buzzing with creativity as they began building their jellyfish models. This project is part of the 'Washed Ashore' initiative, aimed at highlighting the critical issue of plastic pollution in our oceans. The students are using various materials, many of which are recycled, to construct their jellyfish.

In Computing, the focus has been on developing typing skills. The children have been practising on Purple Mash, an educational platform that makes learning fun and interactive. They have also been working on writing stories about themselves into a word processor.



Year Two

In English this week, the children used their narrative plans from last week to start writing their stories. They included their own adventures, making sure their stories had a beginning, middle and an end. They then edited their stories; checking their writing for punctuation and correct spelling and also by reading it through and making sure that their writing made sense.

In maths, the children have been practising how to solve two step worded problems on addition and subtraction. They are becoming really confident at solving some very tricky problems. Later on in the week, the children were challenged to find the missing numbers by applying their addition and subtraction skills. The children also found out some fact families.



In the wider curriculum subjects, the children recalled their prior learning on microhabitats. They found out how animals and plants survived in these



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microhabitats. In geography, the children identified similarities and differences about the human features in the United Kingdom and Trinidad and Tobago. They showed this through a Venn diagram. In RE the children explored special religious items found in people's homes. In art, the children created a collage using tearing and glueing techniques - this is in preparation for their final outcome.

Year Three

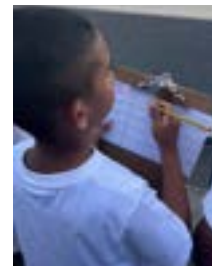
A very busy week in year 3 this week! A few classes made the trip to Croydon Central team where the children were looked after by a senior librarian! He showed them how different parts of the library worked, including how the books are filed according to their genre. The children explored a wide range of texts and were keen to sign up for the summer book challenge! Chestnut and Walnut class's trips will happen before the summer!



In English the children began to write their narrative of The Pea and the Princess, incorporating writing genres they have explored this year including setting descriptions, lists, direct speech and onomatopoeia.

In maths the children began their unit on 'statistics' and learnt how to interpret pictograms by using the key.

In the wider curriculum the children explored the different types of skeletons that animals can be classified into, vertebrates and invertebrates. They used this information to look at a range of skeleton images and decide which category to sort them. In geography the children began to carry out fieldwork into the impact of humans on our local environment. They collected data to support their line of enquiry, including the number of cars and number of trees that have been planted by humans.



Year Four

Year 4 has had a very busy week! We've had a go at futsal, are looking forward to meeting Banji and getting our book signed, and we've met our teacher for next year too!

In the classroom, during English, we looked at the differences between direct and indirect speech. We converted dialogue into reported speech, and have added a





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subordinate clause to the sentence. We explored how a crime investigation works, and are starting to work towards writing our newspaper articles next week.

In Maths, we have revisited pictograms and how to use a key. We have also learnt how to read a line graph and understand what number sentences and operations are required for different written maths questions.

After researching surrealism and Valentina Brostean, this week we have started to create our collages, using the outline of our profiles and images about us to fill it. We are enjoying the mix of digital and drawn images, and the strange impression surrealist art gives us has been very enjoyable.



In geography, we have continued to learn about volcanoes and have looked at the human and physical impact of an eruption in Pompeii. We can't wait for the volcano workshop we will be doing at the Natural History Museum in the last week of term!

Year Five

Year 5 have had an exciting and productive week! In maths, we delved into the concept of negative numbers, enhancing our understanding of how they work in different contexts. We enjoyed various activities that helped us grasp these new concepts, making our lessons both challenging and fun.

In English, we have been busy rewriting the book 'Floodlands,' which we have been reading this half term. Each of us put our own creative twists on the story, exploring different writing styles and techniques. This project allowed us to dive deeper into the characters and plot, making the story our own.

Our art lessons have been vibrant and colourful as we continued to learn about the artist Esther Mahlangu. Inspired by her unique and intricate designs, we created our own interpretations of her work, experimenting with patterns and colours. The classroom has never looked more artistic!

In RE, we have been working on our presentations about pilgrimages, sharing our insights and learning from each other. Each presentation has been unique, reflecting the diverse perspectives and thorough research of our classmates. It's been a wonderful way to deepen our understanding of different religious journeys.



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PE has been full of energy with football games and a competitive kingsquare tournament. These activities have not only improved our physical skills but also taught us valuable lessons in teamwork and sportsmanship. The enthusiasm and spirit during our games have been truly infectious.

In computing, we developed our coding skills using Scratch. We created fun and interactive projects, learning how to bring our ideas to life through programming. This week's lessons have sparked a lot of excitement about coding and technology.

It's been a fantastic week of learning and creativity in Year 5, with each subject bringing new challenges and opportunities for growth!

Year Six

This week, as we count down to the end of term, our Year sixes have been making the most of their time left. It has been a great week of learning, with children learning more about the Early Islamic Civilisation in history. They used clues to piece together an image of the ancient city of Baghdad in its Golden Era. They worked collaboratively and showed great respect to each other.

In computing, children have been practising their coding skills to design a game with different elements such as a timer, a score and moving characters. It has been challenging but the children have been very quick to pick up the skills they need.

In maths, year 6 have been learning how to calculate take-home pay, considering salary and tax. They have worked methodically to complete the different steps, applying their knowledge of percentages and the four operations which they learnt throughout the year.

In science, children have discovered more about evolution, thinking about the adaptations which living things have developed over time in order to survive. They designed their own seed which had to be able to disperse effectively away from the parent plant in order to grow.

As we reach the end of term, children are excited about the upcoming trips and we can't wait to celebrate the end of Primary school with them all!



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Community

West Thornton Summer Fair - Thursday 18th July - Save the date!

Venue: Rosecourt Road

Get ready for an afternoon of fun, food and community at our annual summer fair, taking place on **Thursday 18th July this year from 3.30 - 5.30. We are thrilled to invite all children and families from Canterbury Road and Rosecourt Road to attend this year's event.** There will be a range of activities and refreshments available on the day. If you would like to run a stall or volunteer your time in the build up to the event or on the actual day then please inform the office or your child's class teacher.



If you are a business owner or know of somebody who is and would like to be involved in this year's summer fair then please contact the school office.



Croydon Fire Station open day

DATE: 20/07/2024

TIME: 11:30

LOCATION: Croydon Fire Station, 90 Old Town, Croydon, CR0 1AR

Come along and meet the firefighters at our open day.

Venue: Croydon Fire Station, 90 Old Town, Croydon, CR0 1AR

We'll be there to offer safety advice, talk about our work and show you around.

There will be a fire engine on display for everyone to have a good look at, and maybe even get in.



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We want our fire station to be at the heart of our community, so come along, bring the whole family and let's enjoy the summer together!



Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme: 2024 (Easter, Summer and Christmas)

The purpose of the HAF programme is to make free places at holiday clubs available in the Summer, Easter, and Christmas holiday periods to children in their local authority area in receipt of benefits-related free school meals. Please

see the link below for more information.

We understand that as a family, you may not be entitled to state benefits but may still require additional support with childcare this Summer - we would like to hear from you! Please reach out to Miss Liburd (CR) or Miss Williams (RR) for information on free summer activities.

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-06/Summer-2024-HAF-Programme.pdf>

Reading

Croydon Libraries will be holding the Marvellous Makers Summer Reading challenge from Saturday 6 July and it finishes on 14 September 2024. Children, aged 4-11, can sign up at their local library, and for each book they read over the summer they will receive some exciting rewards. Once they have read 6 books they will receive a certificate and be put in for a draw to win some exciting prizes such as:

- Godstone Farm Entry ticket for 2 adults and 2 children
- CroyWall Climbing Centre session
- Flipout voucher



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Broad Green Library

89 Canterbury Road, CR0
3HH
Tel: 020 7884 5210,
broadgreenlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

Opening hours

- Monday: 10am to 6pm
- Thursday: 10am to 6pm

Thornton Heath Library

Brigstock Road, CR7 7JB
Tel: 020 7884 5185,
thorntonheathlibrary@croydon.gov.uk

Opening hours

- Monday: 10am to 6pm
- Wednesday: 10am to 6pm
- Saturday: 9am to 5pm

Croydon Central Library

Katharine Street, Croydon CR9 1ET
Tel: 020 7884 5140,
croydoncentrallibrary@croydon.gov.uk

Opening hours

- Monday: 10am to 6pm
- Tuesday: 10am to 6pm
- Wednesday: 10am to 6pm
- Thursday: Closed
- Friday: 10am to 6pm
- Saturday: 9am to 5pm

Phrases of the Week



¿De qué nacionalidad eres? - Which nationality are you from?

Soy español/española. - I am Spanish.



Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Shylo	Ryan	Andino	Haris	
Ritvish	Halima	Eshal	Kaiden	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Megan	Luxhsin	Sajid	Harry	
Logan	Kaiara	Loreran	Harley	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Ola	Emily	Nizar	Ishani	Krish
Praise	Aaminah	Srishalini	Romelle	Adil
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Cairo	Joel	Moksha	Precious	Khairunnisa
Aliane	Amelia	Srishanth	Caius	Johan
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Reggie-Jay	Avaneesh	Yahya	Skylar	David
Ziana	Geovanna	Amelia	Daniel	Elijah B.
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Whole	Whole	Whole	Whole	Chrisinda
Class	Class	Class	Class	Tatiana
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Laura	Kaaviyaa	Lewis	Amelia	Whole
Nishinth	Vithush	Dev	Abdi	Class



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Spanish	Music			
Aila Magnolia				