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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

24th July 2024

Wishing all of our pupils and families a happy end of Summer Term and a lovely Summer holiday. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of our parents and carers for your support, encouragement and feedback this year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Mr Start, Miss Evans, Miss Gambetta, Miss Zemsky, Miss Ballie, Miss Brackley and Miss Arslanboga who are leaving us to start a new chapter in new surroundings. We are sure you will join us in thanking them for their hard work and contributions to West Thornton and wishing them good luck in their new roles.

We would also like to say goodbye to a number of pupils who will be leaving us over the Summer and wish them all the very best in their new schools.

We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Summer Fair last week. The sunshine, the activities, the food and laughter truly reflected the amazing community spirit that each and everyone of you brings to West Thornton.





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Attendance

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

- RR Reception Pine Class
- RR Year 2 Poplar Class
- RR Year 2 Rowan Class

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



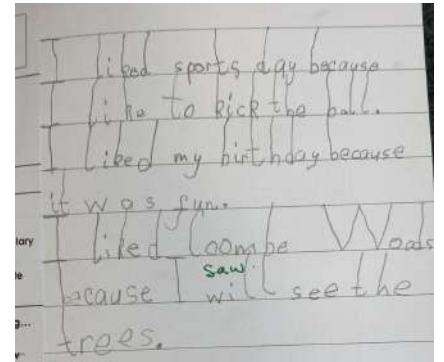
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Curriculum Focus

Reception

It has been a busy 2 weeks! in Reception! For literacy, we have been discussing and writing about the different fun events and activities we did throughout our time in Reception. We then extended our sentences by using the conjunction 'because' to identify why we enjoyed the various activities and events. It was great to look back at all the fun we have had over the year!



In maths, the Reception children have been reviewing different concepts learnt over the year. We have been using various manipulatives to create addition and subtraction sentences. We also challenged the children to find the missing number in a number sentence by solving a variety of different problems.



For topic we continued to look at different emotions and reviewed the Zones of Regulation in preparation for transitioning into Year 1. We discussed the changes that will be happening as we move into Year 1 and how to handle the emotions we might feel appropriately. We also discussed that while change can be scary, it can also be very exciting to try new things!

The Reception Team wants to wish all the Reception children a happy and fun filled summer and the best of luck as they move into Year 1. See everyone again in September!

Year One

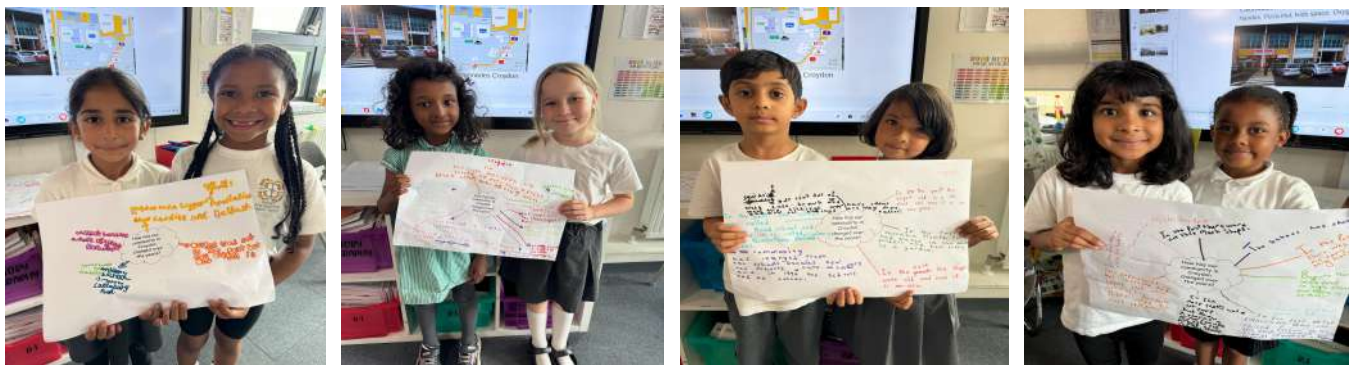
This week in Year 1, the children have been really busy writing their final outcomes of their innovative version of the story 'Tidy'. They included all the skills they have been learning over the past weeks to add detail and description and look forward to reading them all! Then the children had an opportunity to innovate their very own story using any characters and settings, they have done an excellent job!



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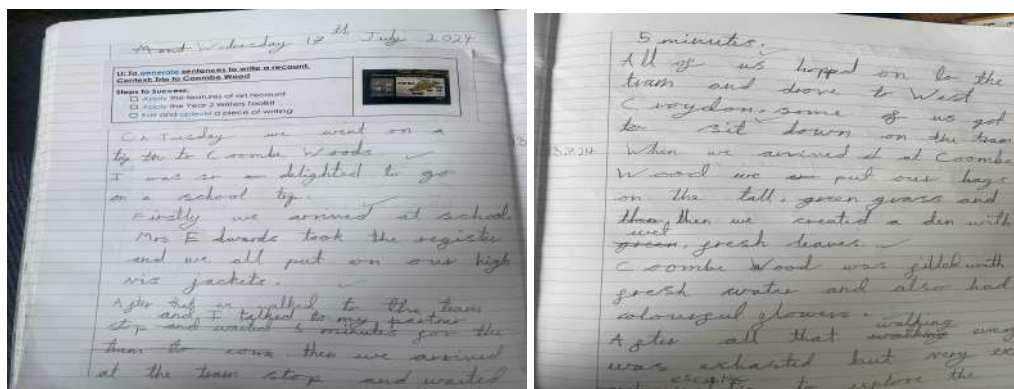
In maths this week, the children have consolidated their learning on time and money and applied this knowledge to answer worded problems in a variety of real life contexts. They have also been practising their arithmetic skills and revisited addition.

In history, the children created a mind map of all their learning about the history of West Thornton and the local area.



Year Two

Year two had an exciting start to the week with their final trip of the year to Coombe Wood. They behaved very well as they travelled on the trip and walked through Loyds park. While at Coombe Wood the children observed microhabitats, they also foraged for leaves, pine cones and sticks to create ephemeral art patterns. On returning to school the children wrote a recount of their trip in literacy lessons, using time adverbials, emotive language and conjunctions.



In maths this week, the children have been recapping their learning on fractions. This started with finding fractions of a shape. The children then moved on to finding fractions of a number then applied this skill to solve worded problems involving fractions of quantities.



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10. There are 24 animals in the zoo.
 $\frac{1}{4}$ of them have feathers. How many
of the animals have feathers?



To conclude their learning in art, the children looked back at and evaluated their collage final outcomes. They thought about how they had used the techniques of painting, tearing, cutting and layering. Finally they suggested ways they could improve their work.

It has been a great year of learning and all the children should feel very proud of their hard work. Well done year 2!

Year Three

This week our final two classes had their visit to Croydon Central Library. The visits were excellent and the staff at Croydon Library were exceptional. The children got to undertake one of the jobs of a librarian by sorting and categorising books. They also spent time exploring the library, looking at different genres of books and spending some time reading for pleasure. Over the summer there are lots of excellent activities taking place in Croydon Central Library so please do check out their website and book the children in for a summer of reading.



Within the wider curriculum, the year 3 classes came together to present their geography outcomes. This was an excellent opportunity for children to share what they have learnt this year. The children used powerpoint presentations and pictures to explain their fieldwork investigations. The children show confidence and passion when delivering their presentations, we may even have a future public speaker or prime minister within our school. **Scan the QR code below to view one of our presentations:**



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Year Four

This week in Year 4, the children published their fantastic newspaper reports. They have worked so hard on generating excellent vocabulary and including all necessary features, well done year 4! We cannot wait for you to see your hard work on display when you come back next academic year!

In Math this week, year 4 have learnt how to translate on a grid and how they can describe different translations on a grid. They have worked together in groups to answer some tricky questions. They have absolutely loved being challenged while working with shapes and grids and their resilience has shone through consistently throughout. Another well done Year 4!

In Science, the children have pulled together all of the knowledge they have learnt this half term related to food chains and animals and created some fantastic double page spreads! The children clearly demonstrated the depth of their understanding. Here are some examples:

Well done in your final full week for this academic year, Year 4! We have an exciting three days, with our year group going on a trip to the Natural History Museum! Good luck for next year!

Year Five



In English, we've continued diving into the world of "Floodlands," and this week, things got even more interesting! We took charge of the story and became authors ourselves. We crafted our own endings for the book, imagining three exciting events that could unfold after the main events. To bring these endings to life, we dug deep into all the literary tools we've been learning – vocabulary, descriptive language, and powerful devices like similes and metaphors- to include within our writing. It was amazing to see everyone's creativity on display as they wrote their unique continuations to the story.





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This week wasn't just about fictional adventures! To truly immerse ourselves in our current history topic, we embarked on a real-life expedition to the British Museum! Our trip to the Anglo-Saxon and



Viking exhibition was a fantastic learning experience. The children were thrilled to see historical artefacts firsthand, bringing their classroom knowledge to life. From impressive weapons to everyday objects, these relics offered a window into the past and helped solidify our understanding of this fascinating period. It was a truly engaging experience that left everyone buzzing with excitement and a deeper appreciation for Anglo-Saxon and Viking history.

In Maths this week, we took a step back to revisit and solidify all the wonderful things we've learned throughout the year. We focused on consolidating our understanding of key concepts like time and linking this to using timetables, cubic metres and even mastering comparing volume. These skills are fundamental building blocks for future learning, and we're confident everyone feels even more comfortable using them!

Year Six



The final week for our fantastic Year 6s has been full of mixed emotions: smiles, goosebumps, tears and memories. The children rehearsed non-stop for their assemblies and both sites performed superbly- we were so proud of them and it was a chance for us to reflect on how far they've come since the



reception, seven years ago. On Tuesday, we all ventured to the park for a picnic (despite the unseasonal rain) and spent the day laughing, playing games (and losing a few balls), exploring the park, eating and enjoying our time together. The children returned later that evening for their leavers' disco which was a huge success- everyone enjoyed the music, snacks, photos and games!



We are so proud of year 6 and the brilliant year they have had. They have all grown up in so many ways and we know we are sending a group of amazing children off to secondary school who will take our West Thornton values with them.

We are, of course, going to miss them all and we hope that they will come back and visit us next year. Year 6, we all wish you the very best of luck! West Thornton won't be the same without you!



Phrases of the Week



¡Buenas vacaciones a todos! - Have a great holiday everyone!

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Israa	Whole Class	Whole Class	Ismahan	
Trey			Reece	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Whole Class	Scarlett	Khauban	Whole Class	
	Bilal	Sabarin		
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Poplar	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Srisha	Arham	Whole Class	Whole class	Whole Class
Hanna	Kayalvily			
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Salome	Whole Class	Whole Class	Daniel	Whole Class
Emily			Emily	
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Whole class	Chu	Whole class	Neda	Whole Class
	Harun		Hasveka	
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Whole class	Whole Class	Whole Class	Hamna	Whole Class
			Meryam	
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer



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whole	Whole Class	Whole		
class		Class		
Spanish	Music			
Whole school				