



# WEST THORNTON

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### West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

20th September 2024

We have been enjoying the warm sunshine this week at West Thornton and children are continuing to settle well into their new routines. We have been so impressed with how well our new reception starters have settled in. They have been quickly adapting to their new environments and building relationships with staff and peers.

It was wonderful to see so many parents join us for the first of our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. Your enthusiasm and support are invaluable as we work together to create a positive and nurturing learning environment for your children. We look forward to working collaboratively to ensure a wonderful year for your children.

#### **A Heartfelt Thank You**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Rosecourt Road parents who kindly offered their support and assistance to a fellow parent who recently experienced a medical emergency outside the school gate. Your compassion and immediate action were instrumental in ensuring their well-being. Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated, and we are fortunate to have such a caring community. Thank you again.

#### **Attendance**

Well done to those classes with Attendance over 97%

- Reception - Willow
- Year 4 - Hornbeam
- Year 5 - Sycamore
- Year 5 - Hawthorn
- Year 1 Maple Class
- Year 2 Rowan Class
- Year 5 Silver Birch Class
- Year 5 Cypress Class



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### Curriculum Focus

#### Reception



Reception have continued to settle into their new learning environments this week. They have been busy making friends and adjusting to the rules and routines of the classroom.

In story sessions the children have been exploring the text of 'Goldilocks and the 3 Bears'. They have been using story maps and actions to retell the story and have enjoyed acting in role as the various characters.



In topic lessons the children have been introduced to the 'Zones of Regulation'. Using the text 'The Colour Monster' they have been enhancing their vocabulary to support them in talking about their own feelings and identifying the feelings of others. They had great fun representing the different emotions with facial expressions and body language.

#### Year One



Year One have had another great week! They began to read their new core text "My Shadow is Pink" by Scott Stuart. They have been working hard to write sentences independently. Applying their new knowledge of nouns and verbs they have written sentences to describe the main character and their own likes.

In maths they have been continuing to develop their knowledge of numbers 1 to 10. They have been using cubes and number lines to find one more and one less of numbers. As well as counting forwards and backwards.

In wider curriculum they have been working on their questioning skills in history and have prepared questions to ask their parents and grandparents about the toys that they played with when they were younger. In RE they have been thinking about their talents and why they are thankful for them.

#### Year Two



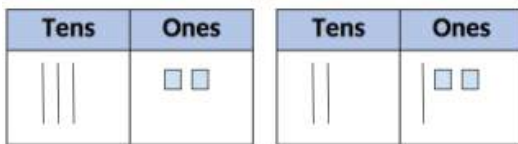


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In English this week, the children have begun to write a retelling of the story 'The Three Billy Goat's stuf' by Bob Hartman. The children generated adjectives, past tense verbs and emotive vocabulary to create interesting sentences about the characters and the events that happen in the story.

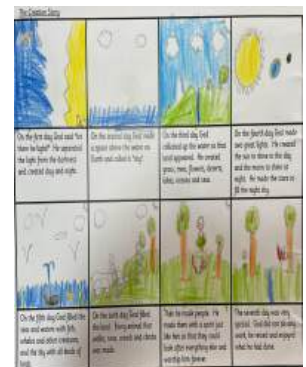
The children were encouraged to use words displayed on the flip chart and use the phonics mats to use correct spellings for keywords and tricky words.



In maths the children have continued to work on place value, this week the children focused on partitioning two digit numbers in different ways. The children had fun exploring ways to partition a two digit number using dienes and base 10

equipment. They learnt that you can exchange one ten for ten ones and were able to find multiple ways to create a two digit number, for example 36 can be partitioned into 3 tens and 6 ones, 2 tens and 16 ones, 1 ten and 26 ones or 0 tens and 36 ones.

In RE this week, the children have been learning about why God is important to Christians. In this lesson the children listened to the Creation story about how God created the earth in 7 days. They discussed how God would have felt about his creations and related that to how they feel when they have made something they are proud of.



### Year Three

This week in English, we've been diving into the world of rhyming couplets! The students have been actively brainstorming and generating pairs of words that rhyme, and using those to create fun and imaginative rhyming couplet sentences. Alongside this, we've revisited the important topic of our rights, incorporating what we've learned into our wordplay. We explored different words related to rights and came up with rhyming pairs, all in preparation for our upcoming poetry writing.

This week in Maths, we've been working with numbers up to 1,000! The children have been exploring how to partition these numbers into hundreds, tens, and ones, helping them develop a deeper understanding of number structure. We've also learnt about the concept of place value columns, which has allowed the students to see where each digit belongs and how it contributes to the overall value of the number. Additionally, we've focused on the use of zero as a placeholder, reinforcing its importance in place value.





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This week in RE, we continued our exploration of how different religions view God, with a particular focus on Christianity. We delved into Psalm 23, a key biblical passage that portrays God as a shepherd who guides, protects, and provides for His followers. The children discussed how Christians interpret this view of God and considered the deeper meanings within the psalm. They also took time to reflect on their own personal ideas of God, comparing their thoughts and experiences to Psalm 23.

### Year Four

We've had a great time this week. In art, we have used music to free draw to express our emotions, and have then created a colour map of shades. We are working towards creating a piece like Jill Pelto.

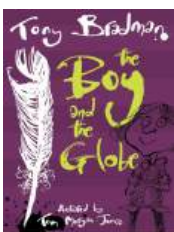
In maths, we have learnt and practised how to manipulate numbers in a place value chart using dienes and place value counters. We have looked at how four digit numbers change depending on whether you add or subtract 1, 10, 100 or 1000. We have discussed how to compare the value of numbers and decide which one is larger or smaller.



For reading and writing we have continued to focus on our protagonist Joe from The Accidental Prime Minister. We have used discussion and various media to explore his personality, and appreciate his sense of humour.

In Science we have focussed on the hibernation cycle of a hedgehog! We have researched their activities through all seasons and created a comic strip to share our knowledge with others.

### Year Five



It's been another wonderful week in year 5 at West Thornton! The children dove deeper into their learning in writing this week on our core text The boy and the Globe. They have been applying all of the skills they learned last week, such as show not tell, emotions and descriptive language to write their own version of chapter 1 of our core text The Boy and the Globe. The writing has been fantastic and all of the adults can't wait to see how the stories develop over the coming weeks.

In maths, the children have been continuing to deepen their understanding of place value for numbers up to 1,000,000. They have used concrete resources such as place value counters, as well as pictorial representations, to describe the value of each digit in

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these numbers as well as spotting patterns and using their reasoning skills to explain what happens when these numbers increase or decrease by 1, 10, 100 and 1000.

This week in history, the children have deepened their understanding of the fascinating Tudor period. They have been exploring the dramatic events surrounding the Battle of Bosworth, a key moment in English history. The students have learned about the complex background that led to this important battle, including the fierce rivalry between the York and Lancaster families and the struggles over who should be king. They have also studied the sequence of events that unfolded



on the day of the battle, gaining insights into the strategies and key figures involved.

### Year Six

Year 6 has had an action packed week and some exciting lessons across all of our subjects. In maths, the children finished their topic on place value and then began to apply this knowledge to addition and subtraction. The children have been really focussing on showing our ethic of excellence through the presentation in their maths books.

In English, the children have been creating written dialogue between two characters from our core text, Cameron and Marlon. They have been focusing on describing the character's actions and feelings throughout the conversation in order to progress the narrative.



Within the wider curriculum, the children have been planning their fieldwork trip which will take place next week; identifying what we will be investigating, how we will collect the data and what we will use the data to find out. The children are very excited and we look forward to sharing what we have learnt with you next week.



Finally, in science this week at Canterbury Road, the children received a hands-on experience where they dissected a lamb's heart; looking for the coronary arteries, heart valves and the 4 chambers. This experience brought our learning about the human circulatory system to life. Rosecourt Road are excited to do the same next week!



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### Reading

Please remember to record your reading in your Reading Records at home - it would be amazing to see some of the comments you are making being based on the strategies you are focusing on in school.

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Premier League Kicks is part of the Crystal Palace Foundation. They run weekly, **FREE**, local activities across south London for all ages. From girls football, multi sports to boxing and football for all.

There is no need to book, just turn up on the day to play! To find out more and to see the timetable click on the link below:

<https://www.palaceforlife.org/project/premier-league-kicks-our-sessions/>

### Phrases of the Week



**El valor de West Thornton es la AMABILIDAD.** - West Thornton's term value is Kindness.

### Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow
Zainab	Prethvi	Sofia	Keonna
Yoel	Winnie	Taqi	Ky'anna
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple
Ahana	Patricia	Alicia	Dominic
Kaiden	Asher	Reece	Amani -Rae
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Ava O	Ellis	Benjamin	Ryan
Amaal	Thanvi	Scarlett	Mirabel



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Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Harish	Kaiden	Joy	Musa	Ayesha
Sia	Melissa	Mariya	Shylah	Arayan
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Salome	Elias	Ella-Mae	Nadia	Sulaiman
Kyron	Keshav	Maya	Idrees	Ali
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Lucy	Isaac	Swarnika	Nistha	Whole
Meeran	Cheri	Asmaa	Zaina	Class
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Whole	Chris	Apishiya	Bailey	Ola
Class	Nisha	Sumaya	Mikhaail	Dylan
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Chestnut and Cherry				