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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

15th November 2024

There was a lot going on at West Thornton last week and this week was no exception. Year 1 and Year 5 had the opportunity to learn outside the classroom when they went on a trip to Morden Hall and Croydon Town Centre.

On Monday, the children learned about the importance of peace and respect for all when marking Remembrance Day with a minute's silence. Anti-Bullying Week was another important event. 'Choose Respect' was the focus for this year. Children discussed the importance of kindness, empathy and respect towards others.



We are looking forward to the rest of this half term. We have our Winter Fair coming up on Thursday 12th December at Canterbury Road. If you would like to help out with this year's winter fair then please let the office know. We welcome help from parents and carers from both sites - Rosecourt Road and Canterbury Road. Plans for this year's winter performances are also underway. Dates and information about these performances will be shared soon.

Attendance

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

RR Year 3 Larch Class

RR Year 3 Cedar Class

RR Year 3 Walnut Class

RR Year 4 Acacia Class

RR Year 4 Yew Class

RR Year 5 Magnolia Class

RR Year 6 Eucalyptus Class

RR Year 6 Juniper Class

CR Year 2 Aspen

CR Year 4 Hornbeam

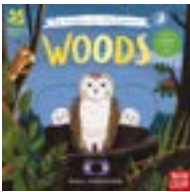
CR Year 4 Olive

CR Year 6 Acer



Curriculum Focus

Reception



In Literacy this week, the children have continued their learning around woodlands. They have used a non fiction text about the woods to make a list of animals that live in the habitat. They found out that squirrels, deer and rabbits all live in the woodland, as well as finding out that foxes and owls are nocturnal. They wrote descriptions of a squirrel, writing words such as 'red' and 'soft' to describe the fur.



In Maths the children have been looking at the properties of triangles and circles. They have been using words such as 'sides' and 'corners' to describe the shapes and have learnt that a circle has one round side. They finished the week by going on a shape hunt around the school and finding lots of different triangles and circles!



In Topic this week, the children have been taking part in a DT project. They decided that they wanted to feed the birds that live in our local area and wanted to make a bird feeder. To do that they made a list of items they would need: bottle, stick, string, scissors and feed. They planned their bird feeder by drawing a model and then made a bird feeder as a class. The bird feeder was placed outside and the children are excited to see different birds visit it!



Year One

This week year 1 have continued their learning based on Little Red Riding Hood. They used similes to describe Little Red Riding Hood and the forest. They also looked at repetition to describe what was in her basket for granny.

In maths the children have been learning how to use a numberline to help them count forwards and backwards. They found it tricky to subtract on a numberline but with resilience and persistence they were able to grasp the concept of subtraction.

Year 1 had a very exciting trip this week, they visited Morden Hall Park, they went on the tram and discovered some human and physical features, which is our focus for Geography this term. In science we are learning about the seasons and how





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the weather and surroundings change during the seasons. We looked at how the leaves change colour and how the weather gets colder.

Year Two

In Literacy this week the children have continued their learning around the text 'Drawn Together', with a focus on using expanded noun phrases, and present tense verbs to write descriptions of the main characters of the story.



Some great examples of this were;

'There is a young talented boy, He wears a yellow t -shirt and pale green shorts.'



'The kind, loving Grandfather cooks dinner for his creative grandson.'

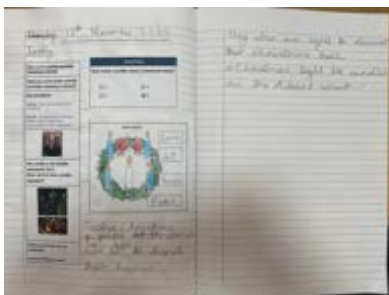
The children then went on to write comparative sentences about the characters using the conjunction but, however, while.

Some great examples that were written:

'The grandfather is elderly however the boy is young'

'The grandfather has large ears while the grandson has tiny ears.'

This week in maths the children have been learning how to subtract a single digit from a two digit number while crossing the ten. The children were taught how to exchange 1 ten for 10 ones using base 10 equipment. The children then went on to use this strategy independently to work out subtraction number sentences in their books.



Our learning in RE this week has begun to explore the period of time before Christmas that Christians call Advent. The children learnt that churches often display an Advent Wreath made up of four coloured candles in a ring around a white candle in the middle. The children were able to discuss what the candles represent and then talk about how lights are used at Christmas time.



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Year Three

This week, the children have been revisiting and consolidating their learning from the last half term. In English, they have looked at different types of sentences, exploring commands, questions, statements, and exclamations. The children discussed the types of words which were used for each sentence as well as the punctuation that would be used at the end of the sentence.

In Maths, the children have continued to sharpen their skills in adding and subtracting three-digit and two-digit numbers using the formal written column method. To ensure accuracy, they have had to carefully consider place value when aligning numbers in the columns.



In geography this week, the children have been exploring the fascinating world of rivers! They have applied their knowledge of river sources, mouths, and estuaries to compare the mighty Nile and the winding Thames. Using Google Earth, they virtually travelled along these rivers, discovering the countries they flow through and observing their meandering paths. It's been a great way to bring geography to life!

Year Four

This week, Year 4 has been busy exploring a variety of topics. In English, the children wrote descriptive setting pieces inspired by our core text, using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, and figurative language to bring their scenes to life. In Reading, we enjoyed *Poems of our Earth*, practising fluency through echo reading and text-marking, while learning to skim and scan for information. In Maths, we explored the 3, 6, and 9 times-tables, using strategies to connect multiplication and division facts and solve problems confidently.

In Science, the children investigated temperature and states of matter by melting different types of chocolate and recording their findings in bar charts. In Geography, they researched the impact of climate change on global temperatures, working collaboratively to discuss the greenhouse effect and carbon's role in climate change. DT lessons focused on practising blanket, cross, and back stitches, while in PE, teamwork and coordination shone through in football and group activities. It's been a wonderful week of creativity, collaboration, and skill-building!



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Year Five

This week in English students have been learning how to include dialogue into their writing as well as including conjunctions- subordinating and coordinating. Students have also been beginning to generate ideas for their upcoming narrative writing. In maths this week, Year 5 have been learning about Improper, and mixed fractions and how to convert these to proper fractions.

The children have been working hard in maths learning about fractions. They have learnt how to convert mixed numbers and improper fractions. We have been comparing fractions, but don't forget before you compare fractions you need to make sure they have the same denominator!

In Geography this week the students had an excursion into Croydon, where we walked around and identified the different Tudor buildings. Students were able to identify these through their small windows, additional chimneys and hand-made bricks. Students really enjoyed the excursion and were able to apply their knowledge into the following tasks once back in the classroom.



Year Six

This week in year 6, children have been deepening their learning on fractions in maths. They have been adding and subtracting fractions in different forms, from simple fractions to mixed numbers. They have also been working systematically to multiply, divide and solve a range of problems, all while using accurate mathematical language to explain their reasoning.

In English, children have been building their knowledge of different sentence structures to add variety to their writing while selecting vocabulary carefully to create atmosphere as authors. The children's writing is improving as they become more skilled in proofreading and editing.



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In history, children have been building their knowledge of key events in the fight for equality by learning about the Bristol Bus Boycott of 1963. They have explored how this event led to changes in society, such as the Race Relations Act of 1965.

In science, children have continued their learning on classification of living things by identifying how to classify plants as flowering and non-flowering or by how they disperse their seeds.

Phrases of the Week



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

Hace mucho frio. - It's very cold.

Community

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Household support grants

At West Thornton, we take great pride in the support we offer to our families. We recognise that everyone can face challenging times, which is why we are pleased to introduce our household support grants. In exceptional circumstances we are able to support with one of the following:

- Cooker, Freezer, Fridge, Washing machine
- Bed including mattress
- Bunk beds including mattresses
- Vouchers for - Clothing, Grocery
- Small appliance such as Air Fryer, Halogen oven, Microwave, Slow cooker
- Emergency Gas/ electric Voucher

Grants are always subject to a home visit and 1:1 meeting with school's Family Support Workers - Miss Williams & Miss Liburd



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COME ON IN NOW! **Are you entitled to Zero or Discounted Fees**

- On Full Benefits and going back to Work or College - upto 100% fees paid
- Universal Credit claimants - upto 80% fees paid
- University student - Childcare Grant Payment upto 80% fees paid
- Working - Childcare choices & Voucher scheme Tax relief

Open Hours:
Monday - Friday
Breakfast 07:30 am - 09:00 am
Afterschool 15:15 pm - 18:30 pm
Breakfast £5.50 / Afterschool £10.50 per session*

Registered & Approved

www.kgdoodles.co.uk
0117-3322-811

* £2.00 weekly for emergency sessions

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow
Ayeza	Maya	Khamari	Jasper
Zayda	Arjun	Thishan	Sianna



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Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Whole Class	Kymirah	Hassan	Avah	
	Nesma	Alesha	Tharun	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Aspen Class	Kyarah	Henrique	Aadam	
	Jaxon	Aaron	Arya	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Dev	Maryama	Riaab	AJ	Akosua
Anamika	Hanna	Sophie	Georgina	Mareya
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Almelio	Whole Class	Johan	Mohammed	Alysia
Karim		Amina	Micah	
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Fiaz	Marvellous	Kishan	Isabella	Aamir
Tanisha	Dominykas	Arianna	Malika	Marley
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Katrina	Annalisa	Vanikhasree	Ibrahim	Mohamed
Sahra	Roshihan	Blake	Naaba	lilia
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Ajla Juniper		Blake		