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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

13th December 2024

We are definitely feeling Christmassy at West Thornton! Thank you to everyone who supported our Winter Fair yesterday - it was a lovely community event and a great time was had by all! We are so lucky to have such a hard working staff team and a PTA who helped to organise a great event. All money raised will go towards helping the children. We enjoyed Christmas dinner today cooked by our amazing kitchen staff and the first of our Winter concerts by Reception at Canterbury Road. Next week the other classes across both sites will be performing - please check for your child's class time and come and enjoy some festive cheer! Remember an additional performance has been added for Rec, Year 1 and Two at Rosecourt Road due to two sold out events!

Class parties will be held next week - please provide your child with a few snacks to eat themselves. We also have our postboxes up. Please ensure cards have the name and class of the recipient and remember the last day for posting is Wednesday 18th.



Early Closure on Friday 20th December

On Friday 20th December school will finish at **1.45pm** - we ask that children are collected at 1.45pm promptly from the school playground.



Attendance

Well done to the following classes with 97% and above,

CR Reception Ash Class

CR Year 3 Cherry Class

CR Year 4 Hornbeam Class

RR Year 2 Rowan Class

RR Year 3 Larch Class

RR Year 5 Cypress Class

RR Year 6 Eucalyptus Class

REMINDER

Every minute counts

The playground gates open at **8.40am**. Children are collected and taken upstairs to their classrooms at **8.45am**. As lessons start promptly once the children are in school, it is important 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

What a fun filled week in Reception! In literacy the children used their core text, *The Squirrels Who Squabble*, to explore the core value of collaboration. They discussed what it means to collaborate and why it is important to work together with others. After they identified how the squirrels collaborated to help each other and discussed different ways they can be collaborative in the classroom.



In maths the children explored zero. They compared zero to other numbers and identified what made it different. In the later half of the week, they looked at different ways to represent numbers 0-5. They used their hands, 5 frames and cubes, and drawings on their whiteboards to represent the numbers in different ways.



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For topic this week, the children have been reviewing the rules of the classroom and school. They discussed what a rule was, what rules there were at school, and why the rules were important. They compared the different rules that applied to different areas of the school. (walking inside the classroom and school verse running on the playground or in the hall during PE).



Christmas activities have also been in full swing in Reception! Everyone is busy building snowmen and gingerbread man out of playdough, making cards and decorations, and creating Christmas lists. The children have been working hard on their Christmas Performances and can't wait to show off their beautiful singing skills

Year One

It has been a busy busy week in the run up for Christmas and the children are really excited to perform and show their lovely talents in their Christmas shows. In the afternoons we have been practicing our songs and our special surprises for all that are coming to watch next week.

This week, year one have been great with writing diary entries and using their editing skills to improve their writing. The children have had an amazing time recalling what happens in the story and pretending to be Little Red Riding Hood to write their own account of what happened on the day.

In maths we have been learning about estimation on a number line to 20 and using those skills to complete challenging questions.

During the afternoons we have been looking at buildings and decorating them from around the local area etc, Ikea, Asda, Lidl, houses. Have a look at some of the lovely work so far.





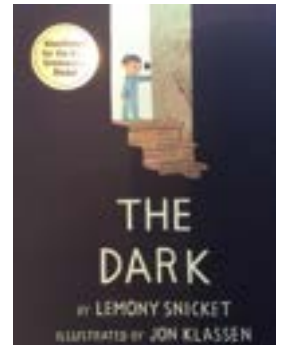
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Year Two

This week has been a fantastic week in year 2. The children have been practicing for the Christmas fair and working very hard to memorise their poems as well as the lyrics to the songs during rehearsal. In English we have been writing a narrative based on our current reading book called 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket. The children have learnt how to use conjunctions, past tense and emotive language within their writing. In maths, the children have observed and recorded the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes. They have particularly focused on the vocabulary used within lessons such as vertices, edges, and faces.

Please do not forget to book your places for the Christmas concert as the children have worked very hard and want to share their fabulous singing with you!



Year Three

It's been a busy week in the run up to Christmas for year 3! The children have been busy learning their songs and lines for their Christmas narration of Bah Humbug! In English, the children have begun to write their newspaper report on the fascinating invention of Rosie Revere. They have retrieved key information and organised this into a plan to support them with their writing. The children have worked hard to ensure they have used key organisation and language features in their writing including paragraphs, inverted commas and alternative, more exciting words for 'said'!

Following on from last week's 3 times tables, this week the children have learnt the 4 and 8 times tables this week in maths. They have used number lines, arrays, repeated addition and bar models to support their understanding of multiplication and division within these times tables.

In the wider curriculum, the children have put the finishing touches to their photo frames in DT and shared their learning of Forces through an end of term double page spread.

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Year Four

Year four have been very busy practicing their christmas songs and script ready for all to see!

In English, children have continued to add and improve their narratives about the character Chaya from the class text 'The Girl Who Stole An Elephant.' Children have managed to showcase their learning in class by including many of the features of a narrative that they have been learning about over the last few weeks.

In Maths Year 4 have been looking at most efficient ways to do division and multiplication and revising much of what they have learnt over the course of autumn two. They have improved their understanding of methods that they can apply while tackling more difficult reasoning questions as well as practicing their times tables regularly.

In DT, children transferred their beautiful designs inspired by the artists they had researched onto cloth and joined them together using a running stitch. Although at times the needle threading gave them trouble, children persevered and are excitedly creating an absolutely amazing drawstring bag for a loved one.

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Year Five



What a great week for Year 5! The children have been working really hard to plan their descriptive newspaper article. They have been working hard to write their eyewitness accounts, using reported and indirect speech. We look forward to reading their newspaper article all about the scary bluchers!

In maths, the children have continued with fractions. We have been subtracting mixed numbers by breaking the whole and subtracting two mixed

numbers. They have been working hard on using their mathematical language to answer reasoning questions. In geography, we have used all of our knowledge from this half term to make a prediction on what Croydon might be like in 50 years. We looked at the population increase, increase in house prices and gentrification of Croydon.

The children have also been working extremely proud in rehearsing for the winter concert and we look forward to sharing our amazing performances!



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Year Six

It's been yet another jam-packed week in Year 6! With one week to go before the Winter Break, the children have been putting their finishing touches to their learning in all subjects, all while rehearsing hard on their performances for the Winter Concert.

In English, the children have worked really hard on their narratives based on our core text Stella by Starlight. They have chosen vocabulary carefully and manipulated sentence structure carefully to create suspense and an eerie atmosphere. After writing, the children used editing techniques to ensure that their writing was the best it could be.

In maths, the children have been learning about converting between units of measurement and solving problems using the correct mathematical vocabulary. It has been amazing seeing the children make huge progress in arithmetic this half term and this is something they can continue to practise regularly at home using resources provided for homework. We are so proud of how much the children have achieved already this year!

In science, Year 6 have completed their learning on the classification of living things by researching the Swedish 18th Century scientist Carl Linnaeus, who devised a method for classification which we still use today. The children have created some absolutely fantastic double page spreads which showcase their learning.

In history, children have been finishing their learning on Human and Civil rights and have been comparing life before the Race Relations Act, the Human Rights Act and the Equality Act to life after.

On top of all this fantastic learning, the children have been practising hard for their Winter Concert performance which everyone is extremely excited to share with you!

Phrases of the Week



¿Tienes una mascota? - Do you have a pet?

Tengo un perro. - I have a dog.



Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Ishara	Reneil	Rosie	Umar	
Aiza	Eugitha	Joziah	Kamsi	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Abilene	Eshal	Darcie	Anshika	
Evelin	Asher	Alexis	Rizwan	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Eraj	Jayden	Christaleen	Safiyah	
Loreran	Mustafa	Ohm	Vinojan	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Romelle	Kavinu	Lucas	Aadheesh	Rebecca
Anass	Kayalvily	Krish	Adriel	Thariz
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Rutmi/Alana	Moksh	Marcel	Samuela	Virukshika
Cairo	Joanna	Adam	Anthony	Luca
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Elijah B	Skylar	Azna	Nistha	Samuel Victor
Nithusian		Yasmine	Izza	Ejatu
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Sanvi	Bilqees	Amelia	Noble	Yosra
Bele	Mohamad	Keshia	Ammar	Say



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Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Ajla Juniper		Arham		

Community

Funded by the Department for Education, the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme provides free holiday club spaces for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. With the increased costs of food and childcare, school holidays can be a challenging time for some families. The aim of the programme is to ensure children have access to a safe space in the holidays, where they can participate in exciting activities as well as have access to a nutritious free meal. For more information please see the link below.

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KG-Doodles

CHILDCARE

BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL

Club



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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

UC Universal Credit

 Childcare Vouchers[®]

Childcare
Choices

CGPS

VISA

MasterCard

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*

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