



West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

7th February 2025

It's been another action packed week at West Thornton. Year 1 enjoyed a fun day out at the Horniman Museum as part of their science topic on Animal Classification. Year 4 have been busily making clay pots for their learning based around the legendary Odysseus Greek Myths. The children are really engaged and their creations look amazing.



We would like to thank parents who attended the school timetable consultation meetings with Mr Brewer held on both sites on 6th February. There was a great turn out and your feedback and comments are invaluable in helping us to plan next steps in the process. At parent's evening meetings a form and FAQ will be given out for anyone who couldn't attend so that we can gather as many views as possible.

Don't forget to book in for a parent's evening appointment and remember that children are to be collected at 1:45 on that day:

- Rosecourt Road meetings are on Tuesday 11th February
- Canterbury Road meetings are on Wednesday 12th February

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Attendance

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

RR Year 3 Cedar	CR Year 6 Holly
RR Year 4 Acacia	CR Willow
RR Year 6 Juniper	CR Ash



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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

This week in literacy, the children have learnt to retell a new story - Jack and the Beanstalk. They have used a story map and actions to retell each part. They even planted their own bean seed and have coloured in a castle to go into their pot!



In maths, the children have been learning about length and height. They have used the correct vocabulary to describe the length and height of objects, as well as comparing two objects length and height.



The children have continued to build upon their learning of maps this week in Topic. They understand what a map is and have been looking at the journeys they take to get to school. They have used simple directions such as forward, turn, right and left to describe their journey.

Year One

This week, year one had an amazing trip to Horniman Museum where they looked at different types of animals and recapped their learning about animal groups. They discovered different musical instruments as well and looked around the world gallery where they saw clothes and objects from the past.



In maths we have been looking at tens and ones with numbers between 0 and 50. The children found it difficult to count backwards and forwards but by the end of the week with lots of practice they had become experts.





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Year Two

This week in English, the children continued working on their learning newsletter for parents.

They're writing about what they've been learning at school and have focused on including exclamatory sentences, subordinating conjunctions, and adverbs.



This week in math, the children explored division by 10, and moved onto learning which numbers are divisible by 10. They then learned multiplying and dividing by 5, and have been practicing their 5 and 10 times tables. The children used counters to form groups of 5 when learning how to multiply by 5.

This week, the children also explored art, science, RE, and geography. In art, they began their final project, painting and printing vibrant landscapes in the style of Aboriginal artist Sally Morgan. Science lessons covered which animals lay eggs and which give birth to live young. The children also found out the name of different animals' young version. In RE, they learned about the role of prayer in Jewish life. Geography focused on comparing Northern Ireland and Wales.

Year Three

What an exciting week it's been in Year 3! The children have continued their adventure into the Amazon rainforest, learning all about this amazing place and the challenges it faces, like deforestation. Our writers have been busy turning their research notes into fantastic leaflets about the rainforest. They've been working hard to create clear and interesting sentences and paragraphs, and have even learned how to use fronted adverbials to describe where different plants and animals live in the rainforest's layers. The children have also been practicing how to organize their writing using headings to make their leaflets easy to read.

Our Year 3 mathematicians have been measuring up to the challenge this week! They've been learning all about length, converting between metres, centimetres, and millimetres. It was great fun seeing them use metre rules to measure each other's heights and foot lengths before comparing and ordering the results. In Design and Technology, the children have been busy



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bringing their rainforest-themed toy ideas to life! They've been carefully constructing cam mechanisms and testing them out to make sure their amazing creations work perfectly.

Year Four

In maths, the children have been exploring **perimeter**, learning how to calculate the total distance around different shapes.

In art, they worked on a **clay project**, shaping and painting their own Greek Vessels. This activity allowed them to develop their fine motor skills and express creativity while learning about different artistic techniques.

Science lessons have been all about **circuits**! The children investigated how electrical circuits work, experimenting with different components to understand how electricity flows. Through hands-on activities, they explored how changes in a circuit can affect the way it functions.

In English, they focused on **sentence structure** and how it can be used to create tension in writing. They also worked on **descriptive language**, building rich vocabulary to bring their upcoming Greek myth stories to life. With a strong foundation in place, they are excited to begin writing their myths next week!

It's been a fantastic week of creativity, discovery, and problem-solving!

Year Five

This week, Year 5 has been engaged in exciting learning across various subjects!

In Maths, pupils confidently tackled multiplying mixed numbers by an integer, sharpening their problem-solving skills.

In Science, our young scientists explored how the Earth's rotation causes day and night by observing shadows and using models. They also expanded their understanding of the solar system and key scientific terms.

In Geography, we delved into the topic of global migration, discussing the factors that drive people to move and its impact on communities in Britain. Through thoughtful discussions, pupils explored reasons such as job opportunities, education, and safety, developing a deeper understanding of the world around them.



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It has been a fantastic week of challenges, discoveries, and engaging discussions. We are so proud of our pupils' enthusiasm and hard work!

Year Six

Year 6 has had another busy and productive week!

In English, the children began working towards a new writing goal for the term: an informational text about the Blitz. Using a variety of resources, they explored what life was like during this period, generating vocabulary to describe their experiences. They also analysed the features and language of informational texts, including exploring how modal verbs can be used to suggest different degrees of possibility, and gathered key facts and information to include in their final written outcome.

In maths this week, the children learned how to calculate the area and perimeter of two-dimensional shapes. They learned to calculate the area of a square and rectangle by multiplying the length and width, and the perimeter by measuring the sides and adding them together. The children also learned how to draw shapes with the same area and perimeter, and they were able to apply their understanding to reasoning and problem-solving questions. For example, they were given challenges like finding the area of a shape made up of multiple rectangles and determining the missing side length of a rectangle given its area and one side.

During their science lessons, children meticulously planned and conducted experiments, exploring how different components in an electrical circuit function by adjusting circuits and observing the outcomes. We then compared the results of our experiments with our original predictions before drawing our final conclusions.

Phrases of the Week



Hoy es viernes. - It is Friday today.



Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Khyla	Prethvi	Dhanush	Umar	
Lua	Zahid	Ziyaan	Zeyne	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole class	Whole Class	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Ava O	Viyanna	Yuma	Kiera	
Yusuf	Hamza	Bilal	Hareem	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Adonia	Grace	Keevah	Haris	Srisa
Diyone	Kavinu	Riaab	Patrick	Wali
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Jakub	Mehwish	Jahmeil	Hilmi	Ali
Laanika	Liana	Fatemah	Sophia	Elikyah
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
David	Agyeiwaa	Yaroslav	Isabella	Alicia
Tanuj	Fardusa	Rianna	Naila	Esha
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Rebecca S	Fatima	Alja	Noble	Lydia
Etana	Tharunyan	Drinsa	Mubashir	Soraya



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Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Tamiah Olive	CR Zion Reception	CR Ayden Y4 Izza Silver Birch	Akshara, Rustakhez Oak Class	Nusaibah - Magnolia Tanuj, David - Cypress

Community Focus

A free Family language (ESOL) course

Do you and your family want to improve your English? CALAT are offering a FREE 16-week Family Language (ESOL) course for mums, dads and carers in New Addington! Supported by a friendly, expert tutor, learners can improve their everyday language, support their children, make friends and achieve a qualification.

Enrolment date: Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 9.15 am, New Addington Library/CALAT Centre.

Queries: Please email familylearning2@croydon.gov.uk for more details.

Family Language (ESOL*) classes

*English for Speakers of Other Languages

A free Family Learning Course in New Addington for mums, dads and carers!



Starts Wednesday 5th March - 9.15 - 11.45 - 16 weeks
Library Centre - El Central Parade - New Addington - CR0 0JD

- Improve your English
- Practice speaking and listening
- Find out how to support your child
- Work towards a reading exam



 You will need to bring your passport or Home Office paperwork to this session

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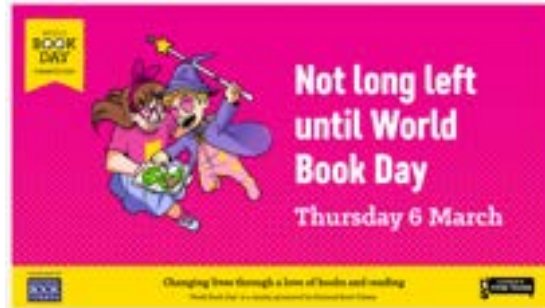
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Reading for pleasure



This year we will be celebrating World book day on Thursday 6th March. Children can come to school dressed as a book character, Superhero or in their pyjamas.

We are very excited to announce that we will be running the Scholastic book fair next half term between Friday 27th February and Wednesday 5th March. Children can use their World Book Day tokens to receive a discount on any purchases they make at the fair. All payments taken on the day will be cashless.