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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

7th March 2025

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. We were thrilled to see such a fantastic array of creative costumes, bringing beloved characters to life. Throughout the day, children immersed themselves in a range of engaging reading activities, from making their own comic strips to writing their own superhero inspired poems. It was a wonderful celebration of our shared love of reading at West Thornton.





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Attendance

Well done to the following classes with 97% attendance and above.

Extra well done to Hornbeam Class with a 100% attendance

CR Year 2 - Aspen Class

CR Year 3 - Cherry Class

CR Year 6 - Holly Class

RR Year 1 - Maple Class

RR Year 4 - Acacia Class

RR Year 5 - Silver Birch Class

Curriculum Focus

Reception

This week in literacy, the children continued learning about space. We read the story *Look Up!* and explored its exciting space theme. The children made their own telescopes and used them to imagine what they could see in space. They then wrote sentences about their discoveries, focusing on using their sentence toolkit to create well-structured sentences. They carefully checked for capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops.





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This week in maths, the children have been reinforcing their learning by revisiting key concepts, including doubling, identifying odd and even numbers, and determining one more and one less than a given number.

In Topic, the children have been enhancing their understanding of the Solar System by sequencing the planets in the correct order. They have been forming sentences to compare and contrast the planets. To support their communication skills, they were encouraged to use full sentences with the stems "It is similar because..." and "It is different because..." when describing the planets.



Year One

We have had a fantastic week in Year 1, filled with exciting learning experiences! Here's what we have been up to:

In English, we have begun writing an innovative version of Beegu. The children have enjoyed using their creativity to reimagine the story and develop their own unique versions.

In maths, we have been measuring the height and length of objects using non-standard units such as cubes and paper clips. The children have been enjoying using these tools to measure and compare different items around the classroom.

In DT, we made moving pictures with a lever mechanism. The children have been exploring different mechanisms and created their own moving pictures using levers to bring their designs to life.

In geography, we looked at traditional English customs and even had the chance to try some delicious scones. The children enjoyed learning about different traditions and discussing their experiences.



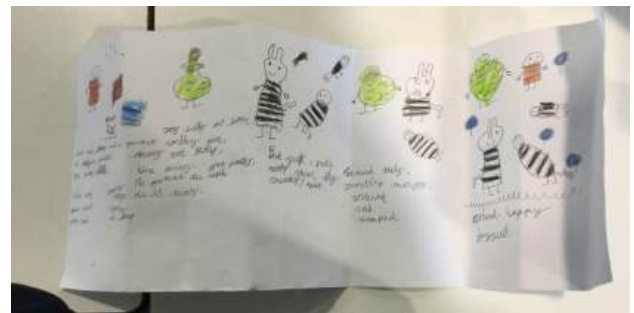
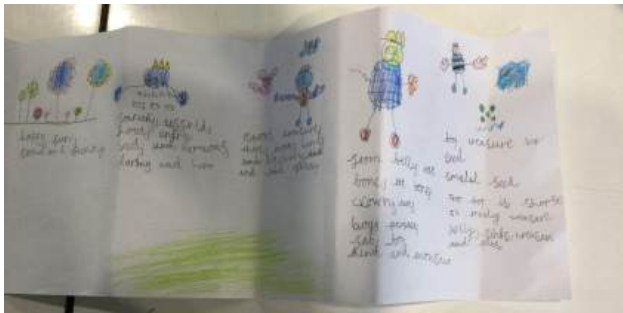


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Year Two

It's been another fantastic week of learning in Year 2! In writing the children have been continuing to build on the story of the Frog Belly Rat Bone using their artistic talents to create story maps as well as including time openers, descriptive language and adverbs. They enjoyed the mystery and suspense in the story when the specks the main character had discovered suddenly disappeared! In Maths, the children continued to build on their knowledge of money. They further embedded their understanding of money and that the size or shape of a coin doesn't necessarily tell you its value but can help you to identify the coin. They pretended to go to the shops to buy items and added the value of the items together first in pounds, then in pence and finally a mixture of the two. In the Wider Curriculum, the children looked at a range of puppets for their DT learning journey which will culminate in the children making their very own puppets - they could hardly contain their excitement! They have looked at the main features of a glove puppet and cant wait to start designing their very own.



Year Three

What a busy week for the Year 3 children! In English this week, we have continued to look at our core text *The Lorax*. We have been using this to support and help us generate ideas to write a persuasive letter about protecting the environment. The children gathered their concerns about the environment and went on to plan their persuasive letter. During this week, the children have also completed their assessments in reading, maths, spelling, grammar and punctuation. They were really able to showcase the amazing things that they have been learning.

In maths, the children have continued with their unit on fractions. The children have learnt about numerators and denominators and how to order fractions based on their size. They have now gone on to comparing and ordering non unit fractions and looking at fractions on scales.

Within the wider curriculum, the children carried out observations in science, learning about different types of soils. The children recorded what they noticed about each of the soil types and they will use this to carry out an investigation over the next few weeks. In history the children have



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gathered information about the past through looking at a range of primary and secondary sources. They used these sources to find out more about what life was like during the Stone Age.

Year Four

Year four children have been working incredibly hard this week! We have completed all our spring 2 assessments and are looking forward to some rest and relaxation this weekend.

In our lessons, we have continued learning about mixed numbers in maths, and have used manipulatives to help us understand how the denominator in a fractional part tells us how many parts are needed to make a whole.

In English we have continued to generate vocabulary in order to make dramatic sentences and phrases to include in our final poem. This week we also celebrated world book day, and children loved dressing up as their favourite characters, and took part in various world book day activities, such as making a comic strip, a front cover, and doing some storytelling.

Science has been very fun this week, and we have used string and paper cups to make a telephone - this is something which you and your child can recreate at home too!

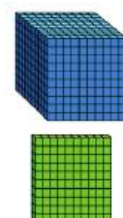


In DT, after some knowledge building about parts of the Parthenon, we have started to construct our first part of the model. To prepare, it would be great if you and your child practised how to use a ruler and pencil on A4 paper to make lines which are 4 cm and 2 cms apart, for example.

Year Five

It has been a busy week in year 5! The children have worked really hard and applied their knowledge from this year and previous years to complete their assessments. We are proud of the progress they are making!

In English the children worked hard on learning about contractions, how we use them correctly in our writing and the purpose of them. We have also looked at present tense verbs, and how verbs change depending on the tense. The children enjoyed learning about these features, so that they can use it in their monologue which they will be writing in the next few weeks.



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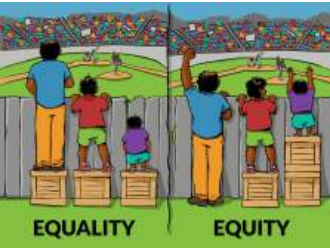
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In Maths, we learnt about thousandths as a fraction. Children used place value charts to understand thousandths and their value.



In History, we learnt about equality and social justice. We looked at reliable sources, and we found evidence to form an opinion.

Year Six

What a busy week in Year 6! The children have shown focus and resilience whilst completing their assessments this week. We are rapidly preparing for our upcoming SATs in May and the children are applying all their knowledge and understanding to ensure they achieve the highest possible results.

In English, the children finished and edited their final outcomes for their and informational texts based on preparing for 'The Blitz' which links in with our core text Goodnight Mister Tom. The children applied their understanding of formal language, modal verbs and carefully selected vocabulary to advise their audience. The children have now started their new genre of writing which is 'narrative'. This week they have been exploring the short film 'Alma' generating precise language to describe the characters and the settings.

In maths, the children have been working hard on closing their arithmetic gaps, using every spare moment throughout the day to practice their number skills! We have also been learning about perimeter, area and volume and using specific formulas to help us to solve reasoning questions and undertake problem solving.

In History, our learning on World War 2 is continuing and the children have been learning about rationing during this time period. The children gain a good understanding of what rationing is, how people came together to support this war effort and how it affected families just like our own.

Many of the children dressed up for world book day. They looked amazing and we loved hearing about the inspiration for their costumes and sharing book recommendations.



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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.

Canterbury Road - Outside Book area competition

We are looking to create an outdoor book area to help us continue our love of reading into lunch and playtimes. We need ideas on how to make a fun, engaging and a comfortable place to read. We are holding a competition to design the area, what do you think we need? Draw and label a design and hand it into the office or Miss Rodgers by Friday 28th March to be in with a chance of winning a prize.

Phrases of the Week

¡Feliz día del libro! - Happy World Book Day!



Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow
Lua	Ariana	Daneya	Malik
Salvador	Devarshi	Rosie	Blessing
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple
Haris	Anam	Harry	Khemyra
Musa	Kiko	Kehlani	Ranesh
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce
Cheyavan	Jordanna	Benjamin	Yousef



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Sidharth	Jason	Romeo	Anika	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
kylie -shae	Whole Class	Aathuran	Anaya	Mareya
Mia		Zion	Patrick	Kilore
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Yashwanth	Whole	Maya	Evan	Dhanvi
Adrian	Class	Hornbeam Class!	Jewel	Khaleesi
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Lucy	Fiza	Swarnika	Avaneesh	Giovanni
-	Dzani	Noah	Harun	Bliss
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Niyah	Whole	Whole	Whole	Zaina
Alishba	Class	Class	Class	Sianna
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE		
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Community

Eco Living Fest!

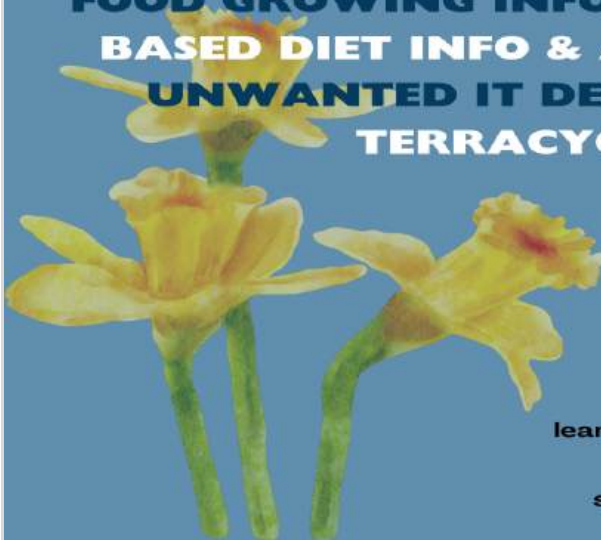
A bi-monthly event
run for the community
by the community

SAT 15TH MARCH
1-4PM

HOLY INNOCENTS
CHURCH HALL
SOUTH NORWOOD
192A SELHURST ROAD
SE25 6XX

free entry

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LEARN CLOTHES MENDING & DARNING
BICYCLE REPAIR ◦ **SWEET & SAVOURY VEGAN**
FOOD & DRINKS ◦ **ENERGY ADVICE** ◦ **ETHICAL**
FINANCIAL SERVICES RANKINGS ◦ **CLOTHES**
SWAP ◦ **CLEANING & BODY CARE REFILLS**
FOOD GROWING INFO & ADVICE ◦ **PLANT-**
BASED DIET INFO & ADVICE ◦ **DROP OFF**
UNWANTED IT DEVICES ◦ **DROP OFF**
TERRACYCLE ITEMS



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Club



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- University student - Childcare Grant Payment upto 80% fees paid
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