



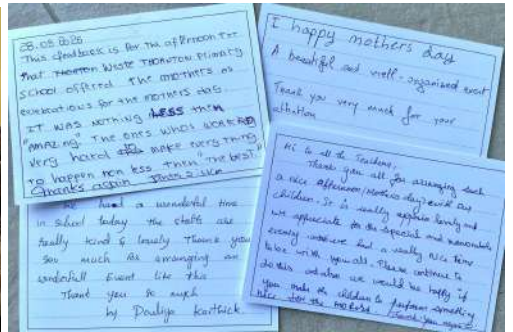
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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

4th April 2025

Our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea at Rosecourt Road was a beautiful celebration of the amazing mums and care givers in our school community. Mums and children shared delicious treats and made many precious memories. Thank you to everyone who joined us!



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Miss Schaefer today as she leaves West Thornton to go travelling before returning to Canada to take up a new teaching post. I am sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best on her travels and next stage of her teaching career. It has been an absolute pleasure working with her and we will all miss her dearly.

Trust Partnership Press

Please use this link to access the trust [Partnership Press for Spring Term](#).

We wish you all a restful and relaxing Easter break and we look forward to welcoming everybody back for the Summer term on Tuesday 22nd April. Please note Monday 21st is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed.

Curriculum Focus

Reception

The children have been enthusiastically writing Easter cards for their friends and families. They have been applying their phonics knowledge to sound out words and write their messages independently. While creating their cards, they have also been





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practicing important writing skills, such as using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops to complete their sentences. It has been wonderful to see their creativity and growing confidence in writing!

In maths this week, the children have revisited their previous learning, exploring 3D shapes and their properties. They compared the length and height of different objects, identifying which were longer, shorter, taller, or smaller. Additionally, they reinforced their understanding of number bonds to 10.

In topic, the reception children continued exploring different religions and their celebrations. This week, they learned about Easter and its significance. They had the exciting opportunity to have an egg hunt, taste hot cross buns, and even make their own rice crispy cakes!



Year One

This week in Year 1 has been a busy one! The children have been independently writing their final diary outcomes in the role of the character 'Syd' from our core text 'Grandad's Island'. It had been amazing to read so many imaginative pieces and a wide range of vocabulary used, well done Year 1!



In maths this week, the children have been continuing their learning about multiplication by adding equal groups using repeated addition.

They have identifying numbers of groups and how many in each group to find a total amount. The children then started to use arrays to find a total amount using their knowledge of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.



Year 1 were very lucky this week to visit Christchurch to learn about the Easter story. The children participated in 4 parts of the Easter story and thoroughly enjoyed their experience.



In DT, the children have been evaluating their final outcomes of the moving pictures they have made. They have looked closely at their first designs and critiqued it to see if they followed a plan. They talked about what they like about it and what they would change if they were to make it again.

Year Two



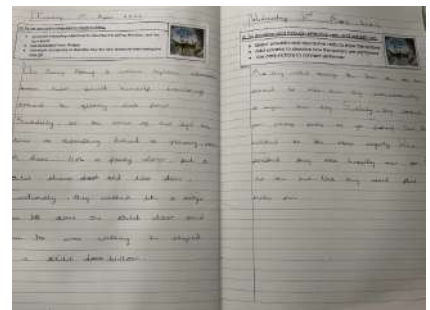
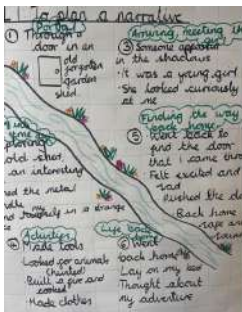


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As always it has been an exciting week of learning! In Writing the children have been using their experience of visiting London Zoo to create a fact file about an animal they saw there. They have been making their writing engaging and interesting, injecting it with facts about their chosen creature explaining where they live, what they eat and what they look like. In Maths they have been learning about volume and capacity. The children added the final touches to their puppets and evaluating their outcomes. The children amazed adults with their cutting and sewing skills! In Science, children created a double page spread about their learning around animals and living things. They explained that animals adapt to suit their environments whilst also identifying the habitats in which they live.

Year Three

Another busy week in year 3 this week! The children have completed their innovative narrative of our core text and worked really hard to include lots of the language devices they have been taught to use over the course of the term, including adverbs, repetition, conjunctions and adverbials.



In maths the children have been looking at mass, volume and capacity. Working together to add and subtract using different units of measurement. They have worked hard to make links between their learning and use their knowledge to show their reasoning when solving word problems.

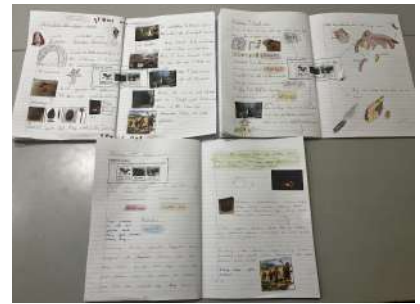


The children showed how much information they have absorbed in science and history by creating some fantastic double page spreads on Rocks and The Stone Age! They have completed evaluations on their Bologan cloths and are looking forward to their next DT project in the summer term!



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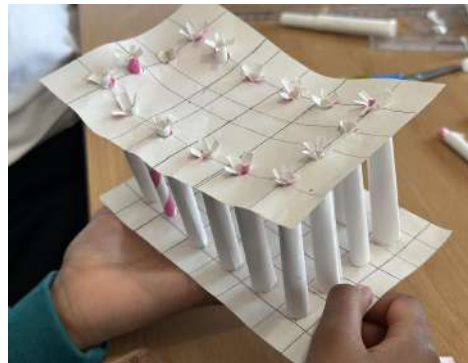
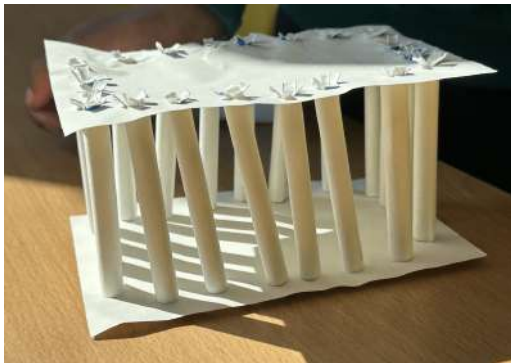
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Year Four

This week in Year 4, the children have completed writing their explanation texts on life in Ancient Greece. The children have written engaging texts to explain different aspects of life during this period, including food, clothes, education, home, games, health and medication. The children included interesting and shocking facts like drilling holes into skulls to cure migraines and drinking pigs blood with vinegar on a daily basis! The children have worked so hard and look forward to sharing these with you Friday morning.

In DT, the children completed their mini models of the Greek Parthenon. They are amazing! It was a tricky and fiddly process but the children have worked so incredibly hard to make them as perfect as they are! Here are some pictures of the making process below:



In Maths, the children have been converting between fractions and decimals, dividing numbers by 100 and using mathematical vocabulary to answer worded problems.

It has been a great last week in year 4 and we all look forward to the next half term! Have a great break!

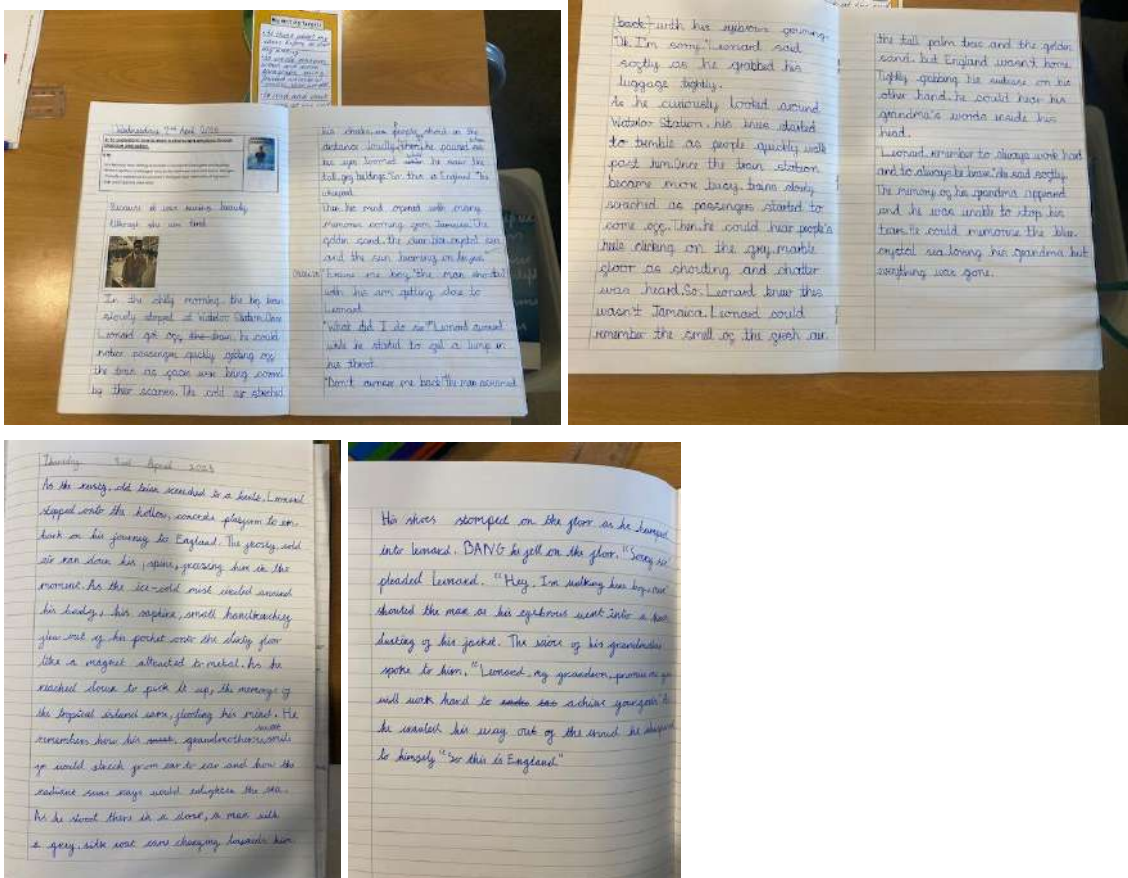
Year Five

This week in Year 5, we have been exploring how memories can help a character find inner strength. In English, we wrote about Leonard, a young boy adjusting to life in England. We used sensory details to contrast the warmth of Jamaica with the cold, busy streets of England. For



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example, Leonard remembers the golden sunshine warming his skin and the scent of salty sea air, but now, in England, a sharp wind bites at his face, and grey clouds stretch endlessly above him. He encourages himself with thoughts of his grandmother's words: "Take your time, Leonard. You'll find your way." Through this, we learned how a character's past can give them strength in the present.



In Maths, we explored statistics by reading and interpreting timetables. We also practised estimating areas, using real-life examples to help us understand measurement better.

It has been a fantastic week of learning, and we look forward to more exciting challenges ahead!



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Year Six



This term, Year 6 have shown incredible dedication as they revisited and reinforced key concepts across the curriculum, working hard to achieve their full potential.

In maths, pupils have applied their knowledge with confidence, using a systematic approach to tackle multi-step problems with accuracy and precision. It's been a joy to see how well they collaborate and uphold our core learning values.

In English, the children have been busy crafting suspense narratives, using carefully chosen language and structure to create eerie, atmospheric stories that truly captivate the reader.

As we head into the Easter break, we encourage pupils to keep their minds active by completing their daily 10-minute challenges – a great way to stay sharp and ready for the exciting term ahead!

Reading

Congratulations to the winners of the design of an outdoor book area competition at Canterbury Road. Well done to: Carter in Elm class, Fiza in Hornbeam and Fatema in Hornbeam enjoy your book tokens.

Congratulations to Apishiya and Liana - the winners of our Short Story Writing competition. Mrs Caddell and Mrs Whitehead were extremely impressed by the quality of writing submissions. Enjoy your book tokens.

Phrases of the Week



Buenas vacaciones y Feliz Páscoa. - Have a great holiday and Happy Easter.



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Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Noah	Vighan	Whole Class	Victoria	
Zainab	Niswarth	Whole Class	Malik	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Nazima	Whole class	Whole class	Rizwan	
Elektra			Jessica	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Sajid	Eesa	Whole class	Vaidehy	
Maryam	Saphira		Harry	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Avisa	Whole	Alfie	Adriel	Cassidy
Tulasirajan	Class	Keevah	Michael	Praise
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Kyron	Subhan	Whole	Whole Class	Dhanvi
Cairo	Mya	class		Areej
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Whole	Whole	Yaroslav	Josiah	Yahya
Class	Class	Ziana	Sajoori	Caleb
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Deon	Whole	Keshia	Bailey	Whole class
Nilana	Class	Kajinan	Madushen	



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Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE		
Whole Year 3 RR	CR - Jeriah RR - Maya Dobrzynska	CR - Swimming Star - Rithika		

Community

Legacy Youth Zone's Easter Holiday Club is back

Upcoming Easter Holiday Club from the 7th of April to the 18th of April 2025. There will be a range of different activities, including sports, challenges, arts and crafts, and so much more! Parents can sign up via our website here - <https://legacyyouthzone.org/what-we-offer/holiday-club/>

Prices:

- Full day – 8am-5:30pm (£14 including breakfast, lunch and snack)
- Half day morning – 8am-1pm (including breakfast and lunch £8)
- Half day afternoon – 1pm-5.30pm including lunch and afternoon snack £8)

Our Easter Holiday Club is also HAF funded.



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8TH, 10TH, 14TH, 15TH & 18TH

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