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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

16th May 2025

A huge well done to all our amazing Year 6 pupils who have recently completed their SATs tests! We are incredibly proud of your hard work, resilience, and the fantastic effort you put into each and every paper. Now it's time to enjoy the rest of your final term with us and celebrate all of your successes!

Get ready for some fun in the sun! Our annual Sports Day will be taking place in Summer 2 at Archbishop Lanfranc Academy on the following dates:

	Morning (9.30am start)
Monday 9th June	
Tuesday 10th June	Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 11th June	Year 1 and 2
Thursday 12th June	Year 3 and 4

Reception sports days will take place on the school grounds on Monday 9th June (Canterbury Road) and Tuesday 10th June (Rosecourt Road). These will begin at 2pm.

We encourage all parents and families to come along and cheer on our fantastic children as they participate in a variety of exciting races and activities. More details about events will follow soon!



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Attendance

Well done to these classes with attendance of 97% and over this week
Extra Well Done to RR Year 5 Cypress Class with 100% this week!

RR Reception Hazel Class	CR Reception Willow Class
RR Reception Oak Class	CR Year 5 Hawthorn Class
RR Year 1 Fir Class	CR Year 6 Holly Class
RR Year 2 Rowan Class	
RR Year 2 Spruce Class	
RR Year 4 Beech Class	
RR Year 4 Acacia Class	
RR Year 5 Silver Birch Class	
RR Year 5 Magnolia Class	
RR Year 6 Blackthorn Class	
RR Year 6 Eucalyptus Class	
RR Year 6 Juniper Class	

Curriculum Focus

Reception



This week, the children have continued learning about the different habitats around the world and how they are changing. This week's habitat was the African Savannah. They learnt to describe the grasslands and wrote full sentences about what they could see. They even named different animals that would live there. The children really enjoyed learning about the animals, and even made junk models of elephants, giraffes and crocodiles! Their text for this week was 'The Journey Home'. This book looks at how different animals are treated in the world and how their habitats are changing.

In maths, the children began looking at fair sharing. They learnt what the word fair and equal means and were able to say when something was unfair and why. They practically shared different items and even practised this in the maths area!





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In topic this week, the children have been learning about the life cycle of a plant. They have learnt about the different stages and have even planted their own seeds! They will watch these grow over the next few weeks and look after them by watering them.

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 literacy, we have been learning about instructions. We have been using imperative verbs and challenging ourselves to use adverbs to describe how to do the instruction. We have enjoyed writing our own clear and detailed instructions.

In maths, we have been learning about position and direction. We have been using our knowledge of quarters to turn objects and using positional language such as left, right, above, and below to describe movement and placement.

In DT, we designed three blankets that we will be making for the whale from Dear Greenpeace. We thought carefully about patterns, colours, and textures for our designs.

In RE, we learnt about how Jewish people celebrate during the festivals of Purim and Hanukkah. We found it fascinating to learn about different traditions and customs.

In science, we learnt how trees are plants and identified two types of trees: deciduous and evergreen. We sorted leaves according to their classification and discussed how these trees change through the seasons.

Year Two

Another fruitful week in Year 2 this week! In writing the children wrote a set of instructions for making a carnival headdress which they had designed in design and technology. They built on their understanding of time adverbials and imperative verbs and ensured they included adjectives and adverbs to make their writing interesting and engaging. As well as this, they thought

about advice someone might need when making their own headdress.



In maths, the children continued their learning about fractions. They identified fractions of $\frac{3}{4}$ and a whole and their equivalencies. The



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children had a clear understanding of the numerator and denominator and what they represent. In Science the children continued to observe seed growth in differing conditions. They have already predicted which conditions they believe will be suitable for their growth and are waiting with bated breath to see whether they are correct!

Year Three

Year 3 have truly shone this week with their incredible effort across all subjects! In English, the children have been diving into the world of drama by selecting a scene from the play *Oliver Twist*. Taking on the roles of budding playwrights, they have thoughtfully adapted their chosen excerpt, adding their own creative twists. They've then expertly transformed these ideas into playscripts, carefully considering setting descriptions to bring the scene to life, listing their characters, adding helpful stage directions to guide the action, and crafting engaging dialogue for their characters to speak. It's been wonderful to witness their imaginative storytelling!

In Maths this week, our young mathematicians have been deepening their understanding of money. They have been tackling a variety of problems involving pounds and pence, carefully calculating totals and finding the difference between amounts. To solidify their learning, the children have engaged in practical activities, such as working out change they would receive after a purchase and combining different coins to reach a specific value.

Meanwhile, in Design and Technology, the creativity has been flowing as the children have continued their project on money pouches. Putting on their imaginative hats, they have designed some truly fantastic pouches, showcasing a wide range of innovative ideas. We have been so

impressed with their thoughtful designs and are eagerly anticipating seeing their creations come to life next week during the making process.



Finally, stepping back in time in History, Year 3 have been fascinated to learn about the intricacies of trade during the Bronze Age. From discovering ancient trade routes to identifying the valuable items that were exchanged, the children have developed a deeper understanding of this significant period in history.

Year Four

This week, Year 4 have delved further into the world of money, by converting, estimating and calculating with larger amounts. Do they know roughly what their family's shopping expenses are



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each week? Ask them to find out! They are getting serious now with the daily 'Try it out' MTC tests from the DfE and are preparing for the real thing after half term.

We have been learning more about famous individuals and their experiences with their disabilities. Some pupils have chosen to write biographies on them, whilst others have researched different inspiring people to represent, like Simone Biles or Bukayo Saka. They have learnt the skills of using adverbials for time and conjunctions, to build cohesion within paragraphs. Maybe they can write a biography about you?



In the wider curriculum, we have had a lot of fun designing and experimenting with catapults! The children found some of the models tricky to build but other groups opted for the simpler 'mangonel' so they could start firing missiles at the walls of the enemy! It links nicely to the method of warfare used by the organised Roman army, whom we have studied previously.

We are continuing to enjoy swimming at Rosecourt Road and it is the turn of Acacia over the next few weeks.

Year Five

This week in Year 5 English we have been working on writing our own voice overs for both scripted and unscripted videos and understanding the difference in tense and vocabulary choices. Students have been practicing their reading of these, ensuring that they are reading with a clear and strong tone.

In maths this week we have started a new topic of adding and subtracting numbers smaller than 1. Students have been able to use the part-part whole method to do this and are reading the information off a 100's grid.

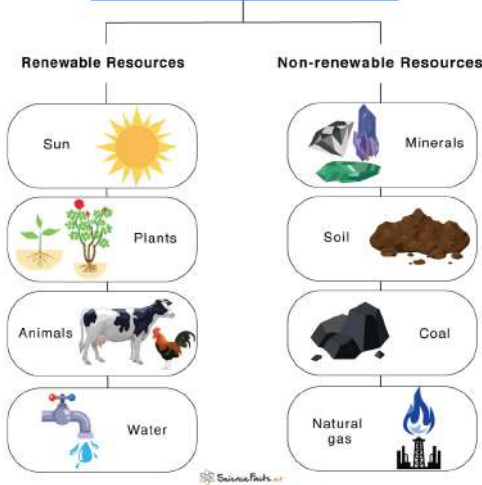
In Geography, we have learnt about the difference between reusable and non-reuseable natural resources and how these vary in different countries around the world. We learnt about the natural resources that different countries import and export and how this can influence international trade and geopolitics.



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Types of Natural Resources



Year Six

Well done to all our fantastic Year 6 children! Their consistent positive attitude each morning, combined with their strong commitment to do their best and the significant effort they put into preparing for their exams, has been truly inspiring. Their clear determination and focus have been evident, and we are already very proud of their achievements.

All their hard work and resilience have certainly paid off, and every child should feel a real sense of pride in their efforts. Now, it's time to pause, relax, and look forward to the exciting end of Year 6.

Phrases of the Week



El valor del mes de West Thornton es la COLABORACIÓN. - West Thornton's termly value is COLLABORATION.



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Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Thiyana	Eugitha	Kaleem	Daniel	
Kavani	Reneil		Jasser	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Derrick	Mehrab	Favour	Anshika	
Husna	Esther	Alesha	Arya	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Tahsin	Whole Class	Romeo	Harley	
Dhanvi		Arya	Jahnai	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Adonia	Imani	Srishalini	Whole	Pedro
Jaanush	Melissa	Mariya	Class	Ayesha
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Salome	Liana	Lathixan	Grace	Areej
Alana	Nishtha	Aasiyah	Kanish	Dhanvi
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Nithusan	Loredana	Noah	Michelle	Aayan
Richard	Adnan	Swarnika	Rhonnald	Melanie
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class	Whole Class
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE		



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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



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



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*T & Cs apply for emergency sessions



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ATTENTION! ALL
BUSINESS
OWNERS AND
VENDORS!

MAY HALF TERM ACTION AND FUN ACTIVITIES

Featuring

- Face Painting
- Arts & Crafts (e.g. coloring, bracelet making)
- Clown or Magician
- Puppet show or Storyteller
- Bubble Show
- Bouncy Castle
- Cotton Candy
- Popcorn Stand
- Ice Cream Truck
- Kids' Picnic Area with snacks and juice
- Storybook Tent or Reading zone
- Drawing Contest

CALLING ALL VENDORS

Looking to expand your Customer base?
Secure a stand at our upcoming Business Fair and
showcase your products and services to diverse audience.
Don't miss this opportunity to grow your brand.

**FREE
ENTRY
FOR
GUEST**

**24TH MAY,
2025**

9AM - 7PM
11AM - 7PM

Come showcase your
Brand to a multi-cultural
And diverse people

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Business Fair coordinated and
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