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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

4th July 2025

It's been another busy week at West Thornton. Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Coombe Woods and Y6 pupils have enjoyed transition work preparing them for secondary school.

The next two weeks are incredibly busy and there are still lots of great activities planned for our children. Please keep an eye out for reminders and updates via Arbor.

Attendance

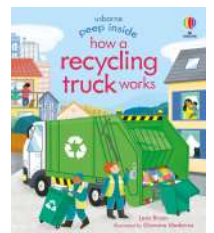
Well done to these classes with attendance over 97%

CR Year 4 Hornbeam
RR Year 4 Acacia Class
RR Year 5 Magnolia Class

Curriculum Focus

Reception

This week in Reception, the children were tasked with writing a list of items they can recycle. They first listened to a non-fiction book about a recycling truck - 'How a recycling truck works' and then discussed what happens at a recycling centre. They then generated vocabulary that they could use to write their lists.



In maths, Reception has been busy understanding what is a map, describing the features of a map and describing the position of the features on a map. The children also created their own maps from familiar places.



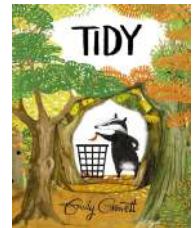
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In topic, the children have been learning about people who help us in the community. We were very fortunate to have police officers visit us, the children were very excited and keen to ask them questions. Throughout the week they learnt about the importance of police officers, fire fighters, doctors and dentists and what it is that they do to help and keep us safe.

Year One

This week in Year 1, the children have been busy immersed in their new core text 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett. They have been generating a variety of different vocabulary to use to describe the main character and the setting. They have also been busy retelling the story by sequencing the main events and drawing story maps.



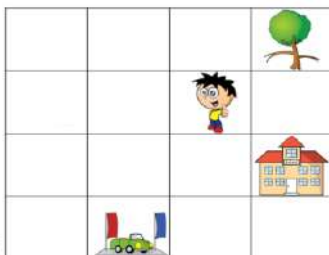
In maths, the children have been learning about time. They started the week by looking at the parts of the clock and making their own. They then practised telling the time to the hour and half past. They have done a great job in doing so!



In RE, the children learnt about the Arti lamp and Puja tray and the ways Hindus use them to worship at home. We then reflected on our memories of year 1 and created our own special place in the classroom. In art, the children began to build their jellyfish sculptures by decorating the body. We look forward to seeing their final outcomes next week!

Year Two

We've been hard at work as always in Year 2! The children have been creating story maps to help them write their own adventure story based on the film Gnomeo and Juliet. They've really used their imaginations with some children sending Gnomeo into a dark, creepy shed whilst others have sent Juliet climbing a tall, glass greenhouse! They've used similes to help set the scene and add detail to their writing too.



In maths, it's all been about position and direction. Children have been building on their understanding of clockwise and anticlockwise movement as well as quarter, three quarter and whole turns linking this to time on a clock. They've also been describing the directions a character should take to arrive at a destination on a grid map.

In the wider curriculum, the children have been looking at the special foods that are eaten by different religious groups, getting a better





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understanding of the kinds of food they eat, ones they avoid and why and when they might not eat at all, for example, fasting. With their newly gained knowledge they spent some time designing a 3 part meal for a religion of their choosing.

Year Three



In English this week the children have been exploring their final core text, *The Pea and the Princess* by Mimi Grey.

They have been using key skills taught throughout the year to prepare themselves to write a narrative from a different point of view including expanded noun phrases, commas, inverted commas and onomatopoeia. They even attended a royal banquet serving up lots of different pea inspired dishes including mushy peas, pea soup and jelly, ice cream and peas!

In maths, the children have been looking at data and the different ways it can be presented. They children their unit on 'statistics' and learnt how to interpret pictograms by using the key.

In geography the children began to carry out fieldwork into the impact of humans on our local environment. They collected data to support their line of enquiry, including the number of cars and number of trees that have been planted by humans.



Year 3 has had really engaging lessons all across the curriculum.

In science, they were identifying the different food groups. They learnt why each food group is important and how to classify different foods. In art, the children have continued to develop their final outcome, in the style of Jean Michel Basquiat. This week they completed the foreground to their piece of artwork.

Year Four

This week in year 4 the children have been plotting line graphs. They have learnt how to plot different shapes on a line graph and name the shape they have created. They then used this knowledge to plot a robot on a graph. The children had a lot of resilience, the robots were very detailed!



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In writing, the children have been completing their short narratives describing their fears and how they overcame them. The children have used excellent descriptive language. They were fantastic to read! The children then completed their report reflections on the past academic year. It is wonderful to see how much they have learnt and all of the wonderful moments they enjoyed.

In Science, the children have been continuing their learning journey with food chains and animals. They have taken a deeper look into animal habitats and how they affect food chains.

A special mention of Hornbeam students at Canterbury Road who have completed their 2 week intense swimming lessons. All of the children have done amazingly well and we are so proud of watching them progress. They have become excellent swimmers. Well done Hornbeam!

Year Five

Year 5 has had a great week! They have been working hard to consolidate their learning throughout year 5. In writing they have been working hard to write their discussion text based on our core text Floodlands. The children have been discussing whether they think, Zoe has made the right choice.

In maths, we have looked at capacity and volume of shapes. We experimented and investigated how much liquid different containers can hold.

In Science, we learned about the physical changes that happen in old age. Children created an information page on how we can stay fit and healthy in old age!

Year Six

Year 6 have had a busy and exciting week as they begin their transition to secondary school. They've enjoyed visiting their new schools, gaining valuable insight into what life will be like in Year 7. Alongside this, the children have been thoughtfully reflecting on their time in primary school, completing their end-of-year report reflections by celebrating their achievements and recognising the challenges they have overcome.

In maths, they've continued to consolidate their knowledge through engaging games and investigations, applying their learning in fun and meaningful ways. With just a few weeks left, the children are now looking forward to upcoming trips and celebrations—a



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well-deserved opportunity to make lasting memories as they prepare to say goodbye to primary school.

Phrases of the Week



¡Hoy hace mucho calor! - Today is very hot!

Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Yoel	Meena	Thishan	Kulture	
Noah	Prethvi	Benjamin	Maida	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Derrick	Hareem	Liam	Harriet	
Kacie	Leen	Lianne	Athitheeran	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Aayla	Whole Class	Emilia	Mirabel	
Khauban		Seth	Aadam	
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
anamika	Whole	Marianna	Hillel	Wali
anass	Class	Lucas	Shaina	Ayesha
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Ian	Joanna	Midhun	Whole	Hazel



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Victoria	Joshua	Adon	Class	Ali
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Whole	Loredana	Whole	Josiah	Sharon
Class	Hasveka	Class	Manahil	Zayaan
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Tamera	Shanaya F	Anaya	Whole	Dylan
Zohaib	Roshihan	Rahma	Class	Darsh
Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE		
Mia Cedar				



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Starting school is a big step – for you and your child

Our **Be School Ready** guide and **Be School Ready hub** are packed with tips, tools and advice to help you both feel prepared and confident

What's inside:

- ★ Simple steps to get your child ready for school life
- ★ Expert-backed advice on developing routines and independence
- ★ Support for managing your own and your child's emotions
- ★ Clear information on how schools work and what to expect
- ★ Ideas to help you feel more connected to your child's school community

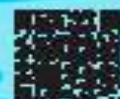
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Croydon Children's Library
Saturday 5 July, 1.30pm



Meet Award-Winning Illustrator & Author



Onyinye Iwu

Join us for a fun-filled event with local talent Onyinye Iwu, as she celebrates the launch of her brand new book: *The Best Jollof Rice Ever!* Enjoy an interactive storytime, get creative with a live drawalong. Buy a copy of the book from Waterstones, who will be selling copies on the day in the library. Then have it personally signed by Onyinye!

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