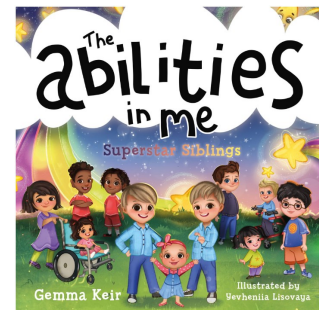


Hello everyone

Thank you to everyone for joining in with our special 'The Abilities in Me' day today. We value your support in helping raise awareness of special educational needs and conditions that children may encounter. We are privileged to receive a book series written by **Gemma Kier** for young people that celebrates what these children can do, rather than what they cannot do, as part of our fundraising for this fantastic charity. Books focus on conditions such as autism, ADHD, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, speech delay, type 2 diabetes and many more. If you want to find out more about this, please visit their website at www.theabilitiesinme.com



Year 3 have had a brilliant time this week visiting **Outback2basics** in Shropshire where they experienced what life was like in the Stone Age. They really enjoyed making tools and their own stone age home!

Year 5 demonstrated their fitness as they explored the seven floors of the **National Space Centre** in Leicestershire this week. Particular highlights were the trip to the planetarium and seeing the sheer size of the space rockets! We are very proud to share that they were excellent ambassadors of our #thorntonfamily.



We would all like to say **a very big thank you to Mrs Younis**, our much loved lunchtime supervisor, who has left Thornton this year after many years of outstanding service. We wish her well and will miss her.

A big thank you to everyone who has provided us with medication for their child's medical condition. Please remember, if your child needs to be given medication in school, that all **medication must first be handed to a first aider at the main school reception not the class teacher!** This is to support our safeguarding procedures which make sure the medication is handed to a qualified first aider who can talk with you about dosage and administration, as well as completing a form with you. Please make a note of the first aider you need to talk to in the main reception area if you have to hand in medication:

Year 3 - Miss Anwar

Year 4 - Mrs Bevan

Year 5 - Mrs McAlinden

Year 6 - Mrs Thompson



Thank you for your support in ensuring we can support medication being given safely.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to **parents' evening in school on Wednesday 3.45-6.15pm** after school. If you haven't been online to book your appointment yet, please check your email to find the link to book one using SchoolCloud. Thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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The second round of matches are now complete in the 2023 Thornton Multiplication Tables World Cup. The enthusiasm levels remain high; pupils have doubled the amount of time they are playing on average each day. Prior to the tournament it was just under 3 minutes, whereas now it is just over 7 minutes.

Match 2: Thursday 21st September to Monday 25 th September				
3SQ = 320 WINNER	3MJ = 182		5ST = 2105 WINNER	5ZY = 941
3GJ = 125	3AJ = 161 WINNER		5TR = 1687 WINNER	5BA = 1111
4SH = 284	4NG = 383 WINNER		6HB = 1275 WINNER	6MF = 1053
4RE = 705 WINNER	4TW = 151		6NI = 1042	6ZB = 2578 WINNER



As mentioned last week, there are more pupils participating at home than during last year's competition. Please keep encouraging your son/daughter to spend some of their free time adding to their class score. Apologies in advance if this means you lose your tablet or phone to educational gameplay. I look forward to bringing you the results for the third round of matches next week.



MULTIPLICATION TABLE

1 x 1 = 1	2 x 1 = 2	3 x 1 = 3	4 x 1 = 4	5 x 1 = 5
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1 x 4 = 4	2 x 4 = 8	3 x 4 = 12	4 x 4 = 16	5 x 4 = 20
1 x 5 = 5	2 x 5 = 10	3 x 5 = 15	4 x 5 = 20	5 x 5 = 25
1 x 6 = 6	2 x 6 = 12	3 x 6 = 18	4 x 6 = 24	5 x 6 = 30
1 x 7 = 7	2 x 7 = 14	3 x 7 = 21	4 x 7 = 28	5 x 7 = 35
1 x 8 = 8	2 x 8 = 16	3 x 8 = 24	4 x 8 = 32	5 x 8 = 40
1 x 9 = 9	2 x 9 = 18	3 x 9 = 27	4 x 9 = 36	5 x 9 = 45
1 x 10 = 10	2 x 10 = 20	3 x 10 = 30	4 x 10 = 40	5 x 10 = 50
6 x 1 = 6	7 x 1 = 7	8 x 1 = 8	9 x 1 = 9	10 x 1 = 10
6 x 2 = 12	7 x 2 = 14	8 x 2 = 16	9 x 2 = 18	10 x 2 = 20
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6 x 4 = 24	7 x 4 = 28	8 x 4 = 32	9 x 4 = 36	10 x 4 = 40
6 x 5 = 30	7 x 5 = 35	8 x 5 = 40	9 x 5 = 45	10 x 5 = 50
6 x 6 = 36	7 x 6 = 42	8 x 6 = 48	9 x 6 = 54	10 x 6 = 60
6 x 7 = 42	7 x 7 = 49	8 x 7 = 56	9 x 7 = 63	10 x 7 = 70
6 x 8 = 48	7 x 8 = 56	8 x 8 = 64	9 x 8 = 72	10 x 8 = 80
6 x 9 = 54	7 x 9 = 63	8 x 9 = 72	9 x 9 = 81	10 x 9 = 90
6 x 10 = 60	7 x 10 = 70	8 x 10 = 80	9 x 10 = 90	10 x 10 = 100

Year 3



This week Year 3 went back into history to experience life in the **Stone Age**. We went on an outdoor trip where we took part in activities like people did in the Stone Age.

We began with some Stone Age fashion, where we dressed up like the hunter gatherers. We explored the textures of some real animal skin, belonging to foxes, squirrels, skunks and reindeer and many others.

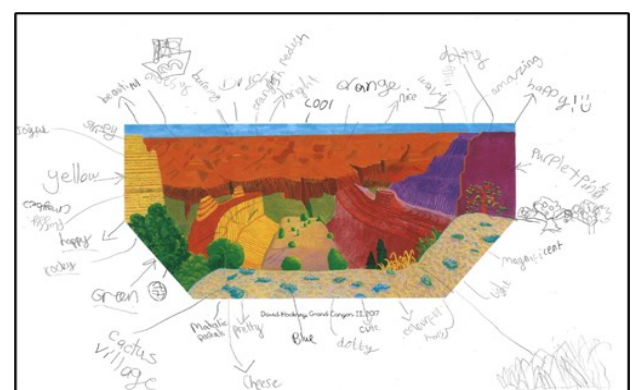
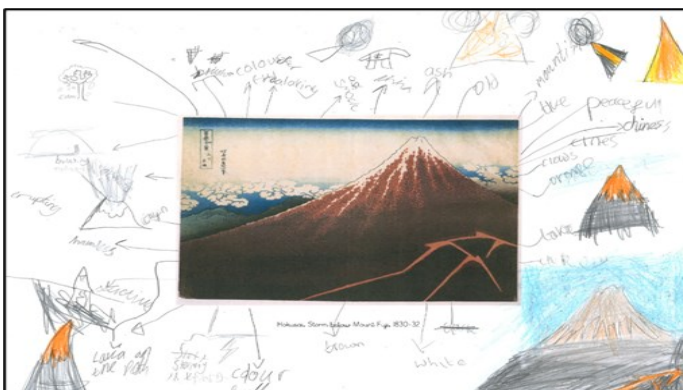
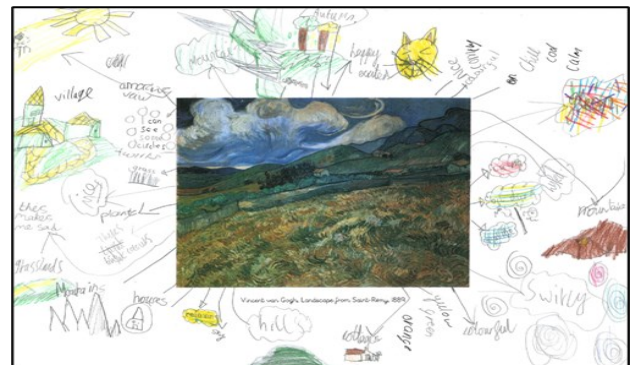
After that, we used our creativity and built our own stone age homes using the materials from the ground. This was really exciting!

Finally, we made our own tools by sharpening a piece of slate and we took our piece of slate home as a souvenir. Year 3 had a fantastic time!



Year 4

Last week in Year 4, the children worked in groups to write and draw our thoughts and observations about **landscape artworks**. We looked at a range of landscapes by artists from around the globe. The children used the **Superpower of Looking** which encourages them to notice lines, colours, shapes and space within images and artwork.



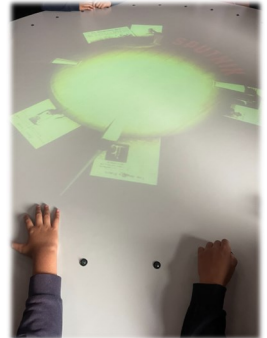
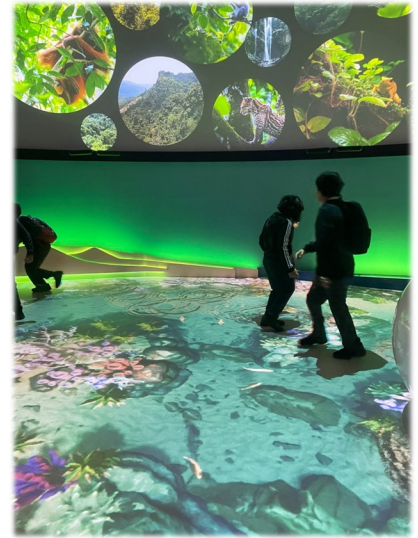
Year 5



Year 5 had an amazing, out of this world experience at the **National Space Centre**. The children got the opportunity to see real space artefacts up close.

These included parts of spacecraft and space suits used in actual space missions.

We even saw a piece of the Moon!

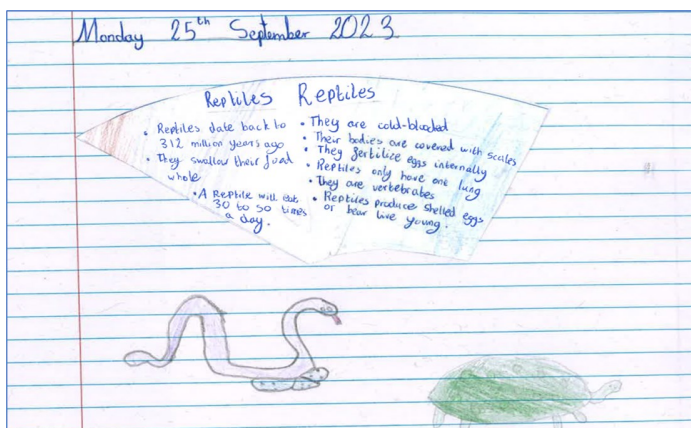
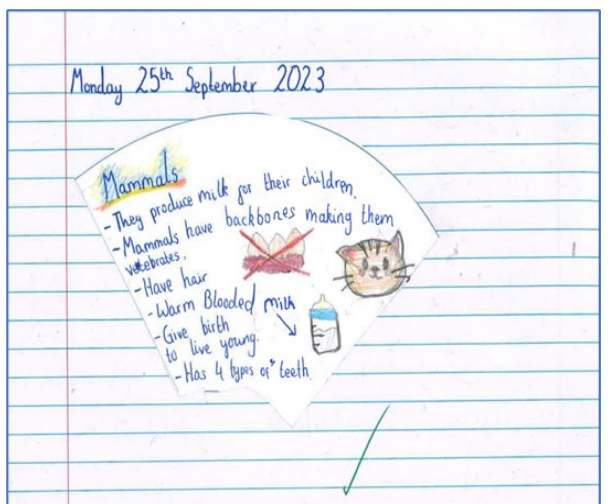
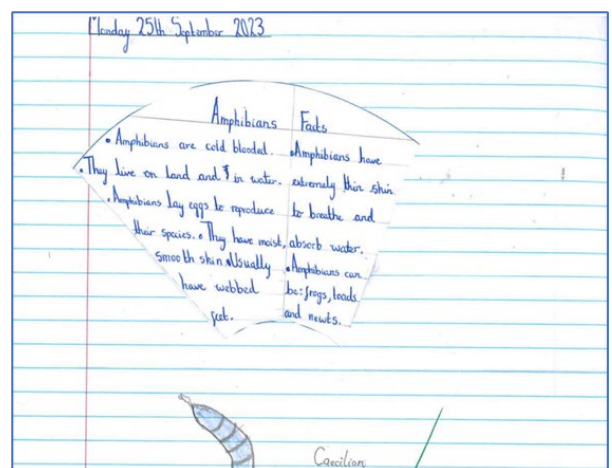


Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been looking at the different groups in the animal kingdom. We had to **classify the animals based on their characteristics**. Some of the groups we researched were: mammals, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians.

We also had to research some of their characteristics and then we worked together to share our ideas with the class. Classification is the process in which you group animals based on their physical or internal features.

Please have a look at some of the facts we found below...



'Author of the Month' October



Onjali Q. Rauf is an award winning and best selling children's author and activist. Her books are especially noteworthy for helping the children of today understand and deal with a range of issues in a narrative that they can relate to in an engaging way. Her debut book, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, was met with critical acclaim whose awards include the 2019 Blue Peter Book Award and Waterstones Children's Book Prize.

Scan to listen to Onjali reading an extract from her book '*The Boy at the Back of the Class*'.



Onjali Q Rauf

Fun Facts!



- When Onjali was little, she was always being told off in class for daydreaming - when really, she was trying to spot a unicorn and thinking up stories!
- She eats at least one piece of chocolate every day!
- In Onjali's spare time, she delivers emergency aid convoys for refugee families and supports interfaith projects.
- She specialised in Women's Studies at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and Oxford University.

Scan the QR code to watch an interview with Onjali and what inspired her to write.



This year's Harvest collection

Please kindly contribute towards the food bank:

- Year 3 and 4 – canned food (soup/beans/custard/spaghetti etc.)
- Year 5 – pasta/spaghetti and rice
- Year 6 – toiletries (toothbrushes/toothpaste/soap/shampoo etc.)



Please ensure that all items have a long shelf life and are within date.

[Thank you for your donations.](#)



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Wednesday 11 October 2023
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ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



Article 7 – birth registration, name, nationality, care

Every child has the right to be registered at birth, to have a name and nationality, and, as far as possible, to know and be cared for by their parents.

Article 8 – Protection and Preservation of Identity

Every child has the right to an identity. Governments must respect and protect that right, and prevent the child's name, nationality or family relationships from being changed unlawfully.



Article compiled by: Zainab and Maryam 6MF

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 2nd October
Year 6

Tuesday 3rd October
Year 4

Wednesday 4th October
Year 3

Thursday 5th October
Year 5

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 6th October
Swimming for class 4SH

School Attendance

Congratulations to class **3GJ** for achieving 100% attendance last week and exceeded our school attendance of 97%. They got a surprise visit from Mrs Grace and were awarded a £25 gift voucher to purchase new classroom resources.



Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week:

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3MJ	4RE	5ZY	6NI
	4NG		

Our school attendance last week was 95.9%

Golden Ticket Initiative

How will the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

Thornton Primary School will be introducing the Golden Ticket attendance initiative again this academic year for all pupils.

Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat!

- Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 97% above to qualify — Mrs Grace will announce more exciting details of the reward later this term.**

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