

Hello everyone

Well, how we have laughed today whilst donating to **Comic Relief**! One of my favourite jokes of the day was 'Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school? Because their students were so bright!' Thank you to everyone for contributing their best joke during our whole school assembly this afternoon, it was great fun! We will let you know the grand total of our donations next week...



Thank you also to everyone who is helping us to raise more money for charity by collecting coins in the **charity boxes** sent home this week. We will collect them back in **AFTER Eid** so please hold onto them until then, thank you. Also, we have kindly been given a goody bag to give to every child who returns their charity box.

We were delighted to welcome representatives from **COMPASS Mental Health Support Team** back into school on Thursday. They visited Year 6 to help them with some **SATs stress buster workshops**. The children were able to share worries about their upcoming tests and also find ways to help themselves when they need to. Thank you COMPASS and well done Year 6 for making the most of this opportunity.

Next week is **Year 6 mock SATs week**. This is a chance for the children to experience sitting the end of Key Stage 2 tests and get rid of their nerves so they are ready for the real tests that start on the week beginning **Monday 13th May 2024** — good luck Year 6!

We are excited to welcome Year 5 parents/carers to the **Year 5 Easter Assembly next Friday at 9am**. We also break up for the **TWO WEEK Easter holidays on Friday next week** at the normal finishing time of 3.30pm.

And finally, please read on to find out more about how we celebrated **World Book Day last week**... there is lots of fun to share!

Have a great weekend everyone! Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Article 17 (access to information from the media) - Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources, and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.

Article 29 (goals of education) - Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures and the environment.

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture) - Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.



5ZY think reading helps...

- Stimulate our imagination so we can learn new things about the world
- Develop our vocabulary and gives us ideas for writing stories
- Change our mood - stories can make you laugh, cry or get excited
- inspire us and allows us to find out how other people view the world as well as learn about their experiences.

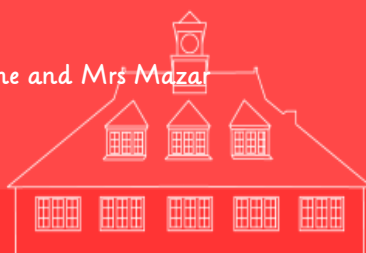


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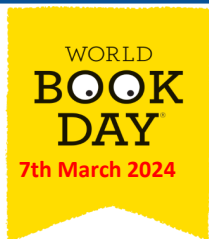
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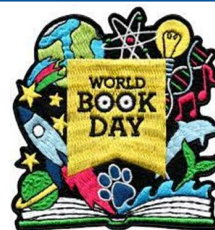
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World Book Day



World Book Day was celebrated last Friday 8th March 2024.

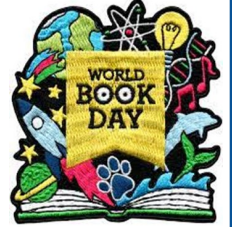
We had a fantastic day. Take a look at some of the pictures from our World Book Day celebrations.

Some of Our World Book Day Most Creative 3D Model Winners





World Book Day



Some of Our World Book Day's Most Creative Costume Prize Winners



Farhan (6MF) as
Stick Man



Zakir (4SH) as
Titan TV Man Upgraded



Zayd (3SQ) as
Fantastic Mr Fox



Kaisah (5ZY) as
Titania from Midsummer
Nights



Haider (4NG)
as Cat in the Hat



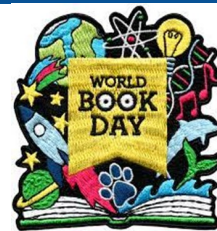
Rakeem (5ST)
Dogman the Robot

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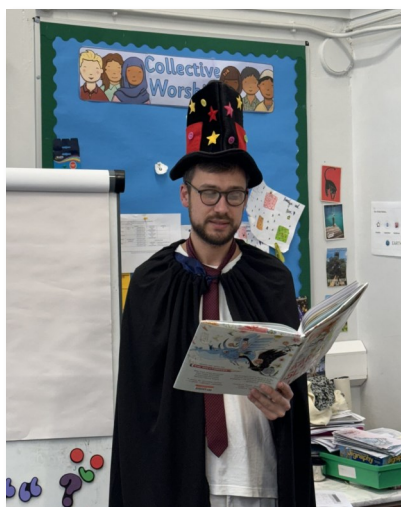
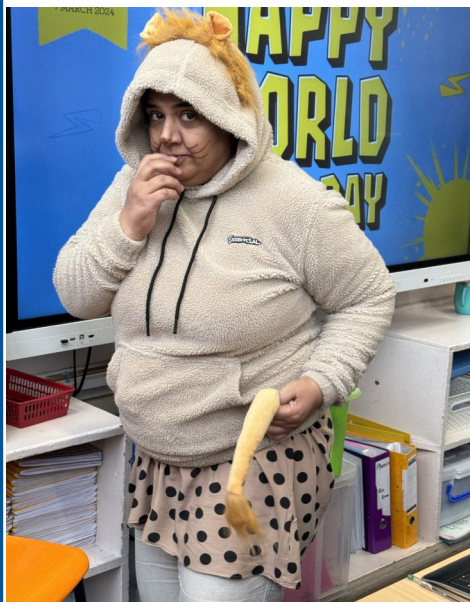
7th March 2024

World Book Day

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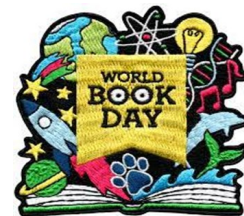


Guess which book characters our teachers came dressed up as.





World Book Day



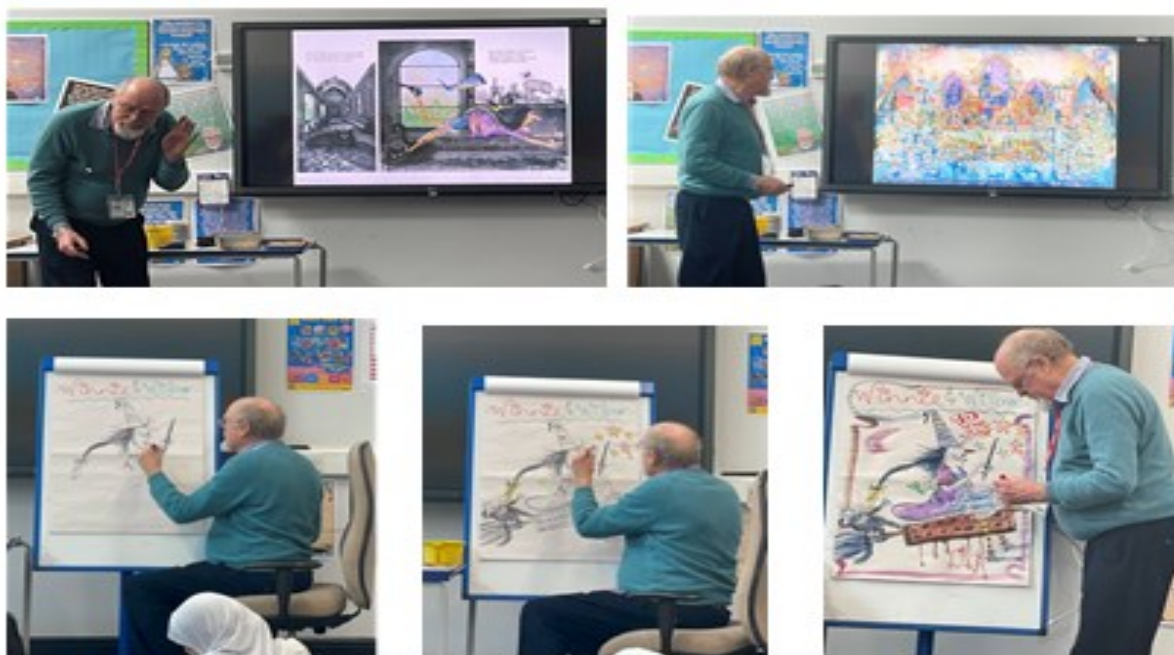
Activities children will be participating in school.

Korky Paul – Illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur

We had Korky Paul the illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur come to Thornton to work with our Year 3 children and some the parents. The Parent workshop was fantastic. Thank you to the parents who attended. Korky Paul read a book from the Winnie the Witch collection and talked us through some interesting facts about his illustrations. Most of Korky Paul's illustrations have a hidden message- which only a very few people know about. Aren't we lucky?

Korky Paul also did live demonstrations of his illustration of Winnie the Witch and personalised and signed the masterpiece for each Year 3 class. We will be sure to frame them.

Learn all about Korky Paul by exploring his website <https://www.korkypaul.com/>



Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on **Monday 18th March, Tuesday 19th March, Thursday 20th March and Friday 22nd March**. Children will be able to redeem their £1 world book day token at the fair. The value of the token will be deducted from the book purchased. Purchases will be **CARD ONLY**.

A QR code will be available on the day for you to scan and make a payment supported by a member of staff from Thornton Primary School. **Only one token can be redeemed per child.**



Severn Trent Assembly

A big thank you to Kalps, from Severn Trent for an inspiring assembly on:

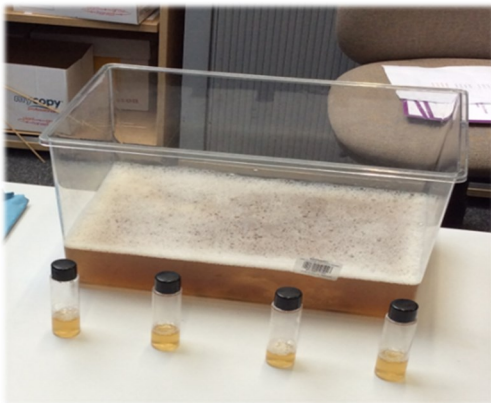
‘Our super sewers’.

The assembly covered the following areas:

- What is sewage and where does it come from?
- How sewage is recycled, linking in with the water cycle
- What should be put down the toilet and the sink?
- The consequences of sewer misuse.
- How a healthy sewer can contribute towards a healthy environment.

Pupils from all year groups enjoyed the assembly and the Rights Ambassadors took part in a special workshop in the afternoon.-where they had the opportunity to make Sewer Soup! – pupils created pretend sewage and the children had to clean and filter a sample of it. WOW!

SEVERN
TRENT
WATER



Year 3

This week, as part of our **DT** lessons, Year 3 **made bread!** We followed a recipe that we had written in our English lessons, and worked in groups to make the dough for the bread. We had to measure, combine, knead and then mould our dough into small bread rolls.

We had to wait really patiently for the dough to prove, and then to bake in the oven. It smelled, looked and tasted delicious!



Year 4



This week in Year 4, we have been using **Busy Beats** on **PurpleMash** to create our own pieces of music using rhythm and melody. We used many different sounds, including drums, synths, voices and much more to produce our own tunes. We then presented them to the rest of the class, which we all enjoyed. There were some great examples of rhythm and melody being used. Finally, we completed an evaluation of our tunes based upon feedback from the rest of the class.



Well done Year 4, we certainly have some budding musicians!

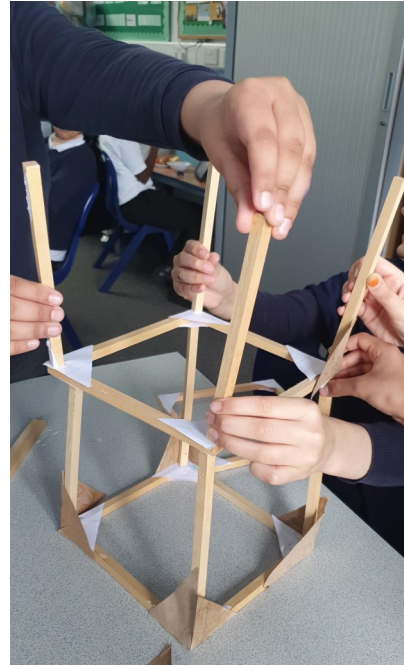
Please use the QR code to log in to PurpleMash and have a go on Busy Beats yourself. What tunes can you create?



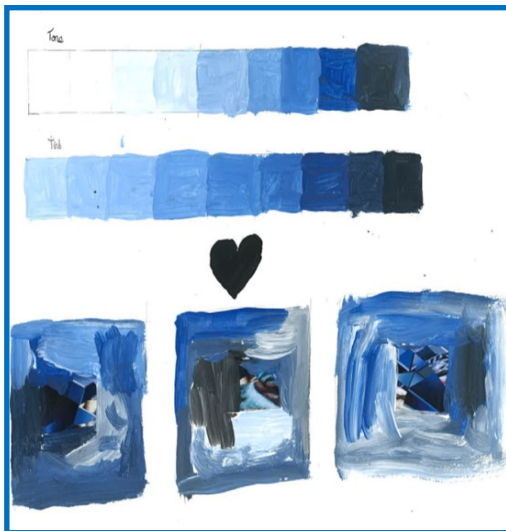
Year 5

As promised, here is an update on **Y5's earthquake-proof buildings**. The children used, and adapted, the plans they made in their D&T books to create wooden squares which they are in the process of building up to make sturdy towers.

They are still works in progress, teaching the children **teamwork, patience, and perseverance**. Great character strengths to strengthen!

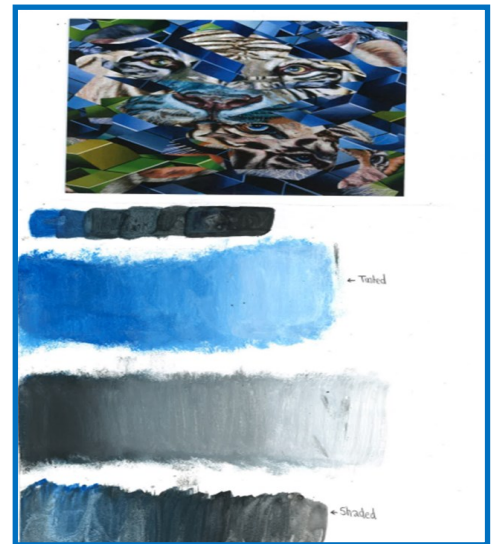


Year 6



This week year 6 pupils have continued to look at Juan Travieso's artwork.

Our focus was on exploring the use of tints and shades. We did this by exploding the image and mixed blue tints and with colour swatches from sections of artwork.



Tint:



Shade:



Do I need to keep my child off school?

Whooping Cough

48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Chicken Pox

Until all spots have crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Diarrhoea & Vomiting

48 hours from last episode

Glandular Fever

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Measles or German Measles

4 days from onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from onset of swelling

Scabies

Until after first treatment

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after commencing antibiotics

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics

Flu

Until recovered

Head Lice

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Threadworms

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed

Tonsillitis

No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed



Public Health
Agency

School Attendance

Class Attendance

Congratulations to **3SQ** and **3AJ** for achieving 100% attendance for the last week. Mrs Grace did a surprise visit to both classes and they have been rewarded with a £25 gift voucher which will be used to purchase new classroom resources.



Well done to classes **4RE** and **5TR** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week.



Why is Good Punctuality Important

Being at school every day from 8.30am is important to your child's education. They benefit from well planned sequences of lessons designed to ensure that they make the best possible progress. If they are frequently absent this learning is disrupted and makes it difficult for your child to keep up.

Studies have shown that the children with poor attendance fail to reach their potential and struggle at secondary school and as an adult.

Being on time for school is a life skill that children need to learn as early as possible. Being at school early means that they are ready for the start of lessons and alert and ready to learn. Children who arrive late are often tired and miss the very important explanations at the start of lessons by teachers. This can make children anxious and worried about their learning. It also disrupts other children's learning.

Did you know that

If you are....	You have been absent for an equivalent of
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6 ½ days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 18th March

Year 6

Tuesday 19th March

Year 4

Wednesday 20th March

Year 3

Thursday 21st March

Year 5

Swimming for Class 4TW

Friday 22nd March

Swimming for class 4NG

Parent Pay

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.

Dinner money is £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.

Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.

After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.

A late pickup charge (£4) is made for any pupils picked up after 4pm.

Please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week and talk to us if you need help with this, thank you.



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