



Hello Everyone,

There is rarely a quiet week in school, and this has been no exception. As the sun has shone, the pupils have been extremely busy. Over the course of the week, Year 4 pupils have been taking their multiplication tables check. I want to take this opportunity to thank the pupils and their teachers for the preparation and the effort they have put. We are confident that every child has given maximum effort, and this is all that any school can ask of its pupils.

Numerous educational visits have also taken place this week. Two of our Year 3 classes have visited the city centre as part of their study of Birmingham. Three of our Year 4 classes have had the opportunity to visit Ward End Library, an opportunity not open to us for the past two years. Furthermore, eight pupils from Year 6 participated in a STEM Challenge Day at Bluecoat School in Edgbaston and a further five pupils were able to represent the school at the Gardeners World Exhibition at the NEC. I would like to thank the pupils for how well they have represented the school; many staff have commented that it has been a joy to see the smiling faces, respond to the thoughtful questions from the children, and share such experiences with the pupils.



Our visit to Gardeners' World also has a deeper level of meaning. This year, our entry to the schools' garden competition commemorated the life of Mr Watkis. As you will recall, Mr Watkis, a former member of our site team, sadly passed away earlier this academic year. Mrs Ahmed and a selection of pupils ensured that our entry was a fitting tribute to a man who loved plants and loved Thornton. I am sure you will agree, that the wheelbarrow entry is a true masterpiece! Well done Mrs Ahmed and pupils!



I hope that everyone has an enjoyable weekend and look forward to seeing you at the school gate in the coming days.

Sam Mason, Deputy Headteacher

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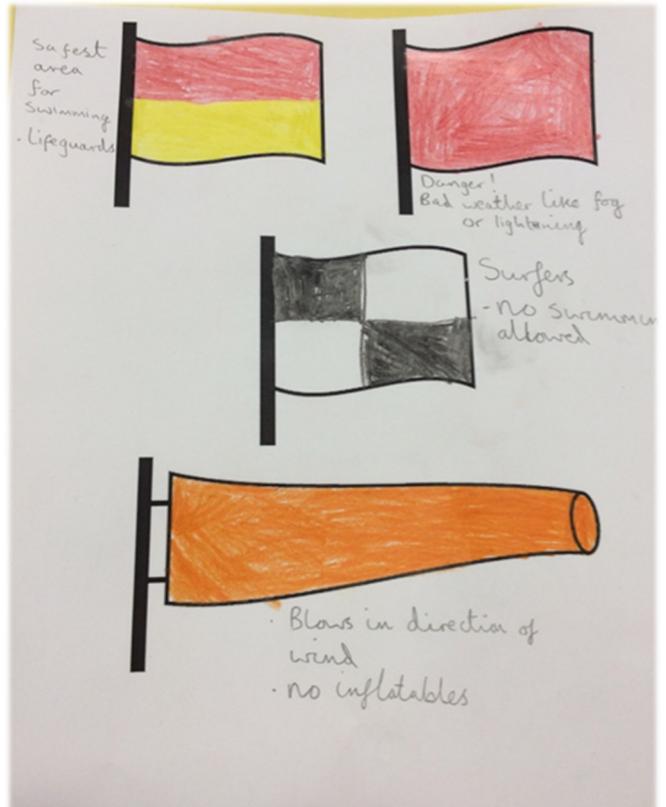
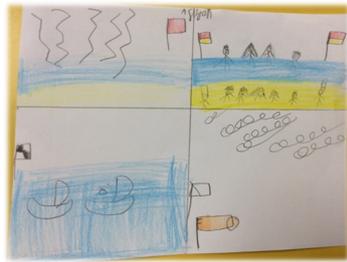
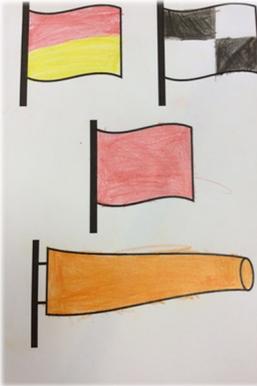


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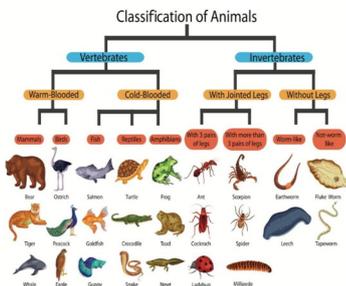
Year 3



In PSHE this week, Year 3 have been learning how to stay safe around water, as part of Drowning Prevention Week (12th-18th June). We discussed all the possible dangers around water, as well as different ways we can stay safe. We looked at how the RNLI helps to protect us, and identified different flags that are put in place to guide us. We created beach scenes and added safety flags in the suitable areas.



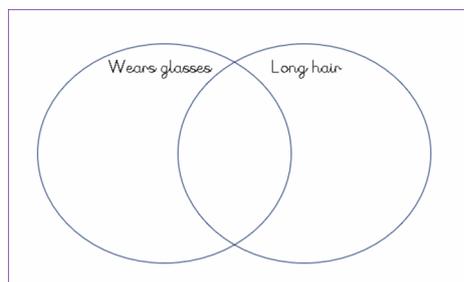
Year 4



This week in Year Four, we have been exploring the animal kingdom in our Science lessons to define various creatures in a range of different ways. We compared and contrasted mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians to better understand them

before recapping the differences between these vertebrates and invertebrates. Did you know that these creatures without a backbone make up about 95% of the world's animal life? We even recalled our prior learning from the year to identify whether each living thing's diet was that of a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore.

Many of the children agreed that classifying ourselves in Venn diagrams was fun, especially when we had to place children outside of the Venns for having long hair and glasses. Where would you go on our Venn diagram?



Picture	Group 1: Mammal, birds, insects, fish, reptile or amphibian	Group 2: Vertebrate or invertebrate	Group 3: Carnivore, herbivore or omnivore
	bird ✓	Vertebrate ✓	Carnivore ✓
	Mammal ✓	vertebrate ✓	Omnivore ✓
	Mammal ✓	Vertebrate ✓	Carnivore ✓
	bird ✓	Vertebrate ✓	Omnivore ✓
	Mammal ✓	Vertebrate ✓	Carnivore ✓
	reptile ✓	vertebrate ✓	Carnivore ✓

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	Mammal ✓	vertebrate ✓	omnivore ✓
	Amphibian ✓	vertebrate ✓	omnivore ✓
	Bird ✓	vertebrate ✓	omnivore ✓ Carnivores ✓
	Mammal ✓	vertebrate ✓	Herbivore ✓
	Mammal ✓	vertebrate ✓	Carnivore ✓
	Mammal ✓	vertebrate ✓	Carnivore ✓

Year 5



Year 5's current theme is Allotments. Last week, we planted some cress seeds in our Science lesson as part of our investigation into seed germination.

NEWS UPDATE: the results are in! It would seem that cress seeds only need water to germinate. See for yourselves. Who's up for a cress sarnie?

SOME QUESTIONS FOR OUR READERS:

Can you see if our test was fair?

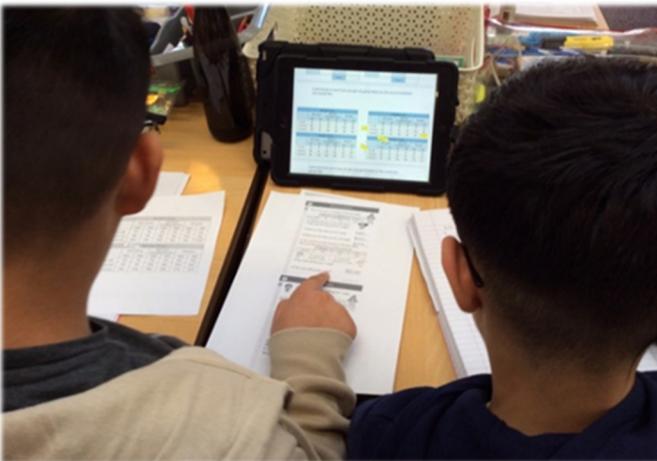
What variables did we control?

What might our next experiment be?



Year 6

This week in Year Six, the children have been working on a project in Mathematics which has required them to apply a range of skills and strategies. They have researched flights to their chosen destination, comparing the cost of flying from different airports whilst considering other factors such as travel to and from the airport. They have also researched accommodation options and calculated how to convert sterling into euros or dollars.





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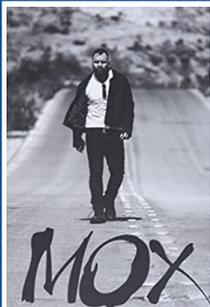


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Thornton Staff Book Review



Mr Jones read, "Mox," the autobiography of Jon Moxley, a famous American wrestler. He shares his insights as to what his journey from the independent promotions up to being on television each week, as well as what he would change about some matches he was in, stories from the road and about the personalities he has met along the way. What I like about it is it's very honest and he writes like he's speaking directly to the reader.

Mr Jones



Michael Morpurgo's thoughts about reading and literature.

"The way a sentence sounds and is framed seems to me to be one of the lovely things about literature. It's the musical instrument we have at our disposal." Reading out loud to children, as well as to himself, is one of Morpurgo's greatest pleasures.

Michael Morpurgo is an English author who writes fantastic books for children aged about 10-14 years. Michael Morpurgo has been writing award-winning children's books for decades but he has lost none of his passion for story-telling or his fascination with taking a real-life event and fusing it with fiction. His most famous book is War Horse which has been made into a play and now a movie.

Assistant Headteacher – Mrs. McPherson

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Summer Term 2 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July**

Autumn Term 2022

Teacher Training Day Monday 5th September

Term Starts: Tuesday 6th September

Term Ends :Friday 21st October

Half Term : Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October

DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 3 Urban Pioneer Trip

3AW-Tuesday 21st June

3SQ-Tuesday 28th June

Twinlakes Trip - 100% Attendance Golden Ticket Award

Monday 4th July

Blue Coat Trip

Year 3&4 – Friday 15th July

Pingles Athletics Stadium

Year 5&6 - Monday 27th June

School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? We are sorry but you can only change at the start of each term and not mid term. Please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen.

Payments

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office for support.

Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.

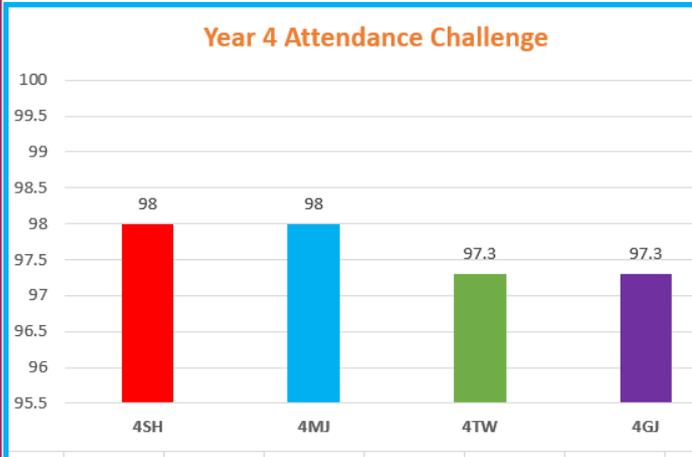
 **ParentPay Breakfast Club must be paid in advance and is £1 per day and 50p for any siblings.**

School Attendance

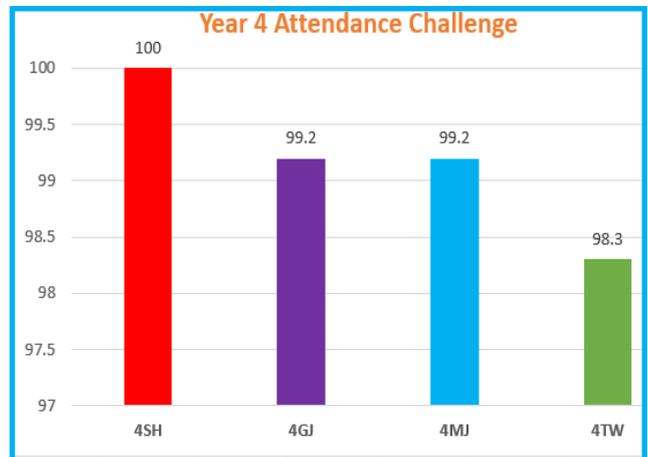
Year 4 Attendance Challenge

Year 4 have a fantastic attendance challenge leader board. A huge well done to all the children's for ensuring they have been attending school on time and every day.

Week commencing Monday 6th June



Week commencing Monday 13th June



Year 4 Leader Board so far

1st: 4SH

2nd: 4MJ

3rd: 4GJ

4th: 4TW

Summer Term Golden Ticket Gold Award

Our final Summer Term Golden Ticket Gold Award winners will receive a special visit from Mrs Grace, Mr Mason, Mrs Biddle- Rawbone or Mrs McPherson and will be rewarded with a golden ticket. The golden ticket winners have attended school every day and on time for the whole academic year. They must keep the tickets safe to gain entry into Twinlakes Park on Monday 4th July. Look out for the surprise visit from the senior leadership team next week!

Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

Well done to all the children who are participating in the Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project and ensuring they are in school every day and on time.

Our school attendance last week was 94.9%

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 20th June

Year 3

Tuesday 21st June

Year 5

Wednesday 22nd June

Year 4

Thursday 23rd June

Year 6

Friday 24th June
Swimming for classes
5BA & 5ST

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