

Hello everyone

A quick reminder that we open at **8.30am EVERY morning** for 30 minutes **catch-up work** in class, as well as organising many interventions for every class throughout the day, using class teachers, teaching assistants and intervention teachers. Please try to get your child into school for 8.30am so they can do 'catch-up work', but by 8.45am at the very latest! Thank you.

Thank you so much to everyone who kindly donated to our collection for **Red Nose Day**—we will let you know how much money we raised next week once the final donations have been counted. It was entertaining to hear so many jokes being told in school, although I

have to admit they ranged from extremely funny to totally awful! My favourite so far has to be **'What's orange and sounds like a parrot? A carrot!'**



The children really enjoyed their science experiment to celebrate **British Science Week** on Thursday. There was a lovely enthusiastic buzz around school as



everyone worked in pairs to stretch a curly wurly bar as long as they could without breaking it. The longest length that anyone managed to stretch the curly wurly was **275cm**, and that was achieved by **Aamir and Aaryan in 4TW**. Congratulations to them, and to everyone else who ended up with sticky fingers! We didn't quite make the world record of 426.2cm, but perhaps this is something you could have a go at at home?



Wowzers! Thornton children have again being excellent sports ambassadors. A **mixed football team of Year 4, 5 and 6**

demonstrated some phenomenal talent during their matches played at Timberley Academy on Thursday afternoon. A HUGE 'well done' to all the players for their performance on the pitch as well as off the pitch! Mr Bates was particularly proud when another coach gave him a great compliment about the children's manners.



Watch out next week for information about our plans for an Easter Eggstravaganza competition, as well as our delayed 'Meet the Eco Councillors' article.

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay safe! **Cathy Grace, Headteacher**

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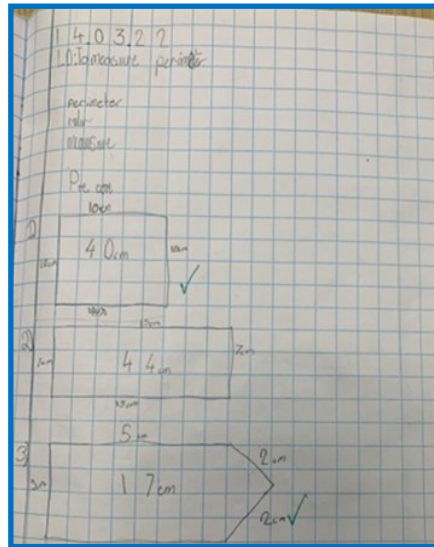
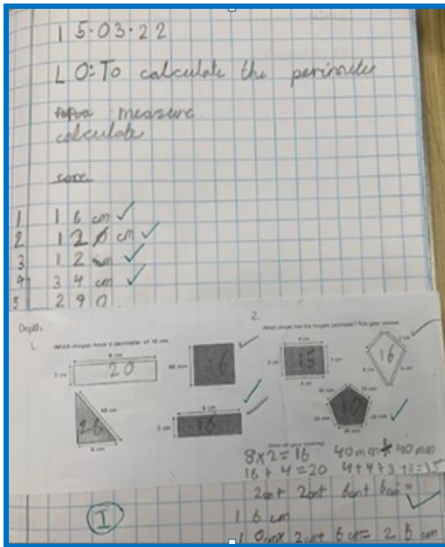
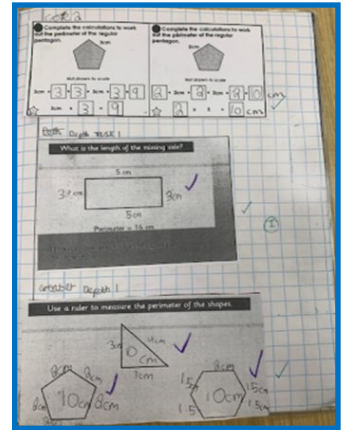
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## Year 3



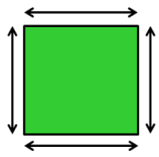
This week, Year 3 have been learning how to **measure the perimeter of shapes**.

We practised how to use our rulers to measure accurately, and learnt how to convert mm to cm. We then used our measuring skills to successfully calculate the perimeter of regular and irregular shapes.



## What is Perimeter?

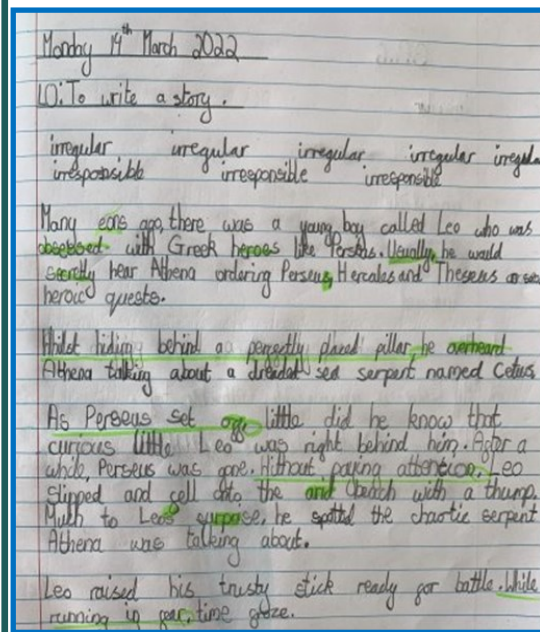
The perimeter is the distance all the way around the outside of a 2D shape.



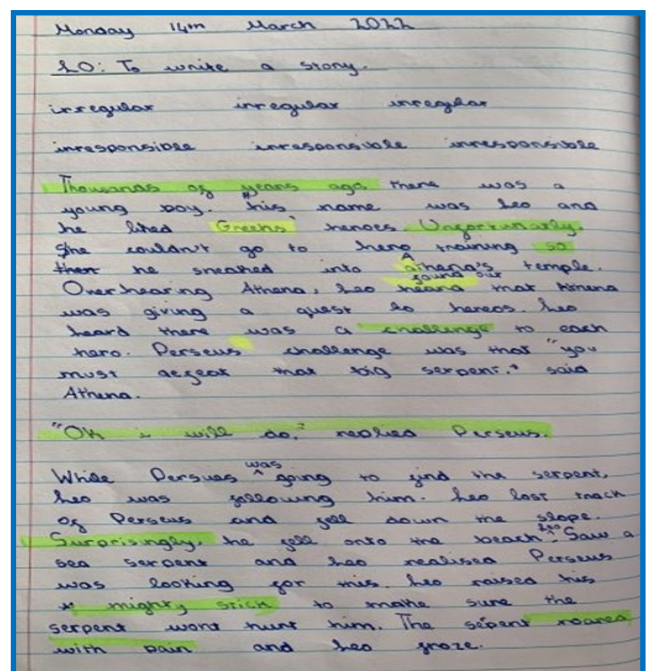
## Year 4



This week in Year Four, we have stepped into the sandals of a young boy called Leo, who is the main character in our class reader, "**Leo and the Gorgon's Curse**." Leo's obsession with Greek heroes results in him stumbling upon the dreaded sea serpent Cetus. Luckily, he's rescued by a mysterious girl. We decided to give Leo his time to shine and re-imagined the story where Leo himself was able to save the day. Here are some extracts from the first part of our story writing from across Year 4.

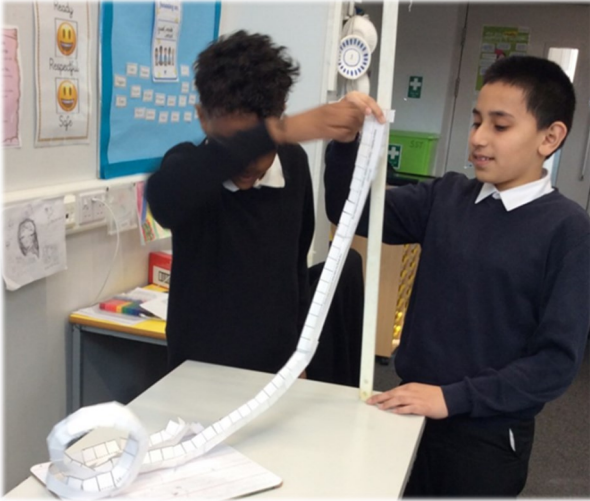


If you'd like to find out how our stories end, ask a Year 4 child to share it with you...





## Year 5



This week, Year 5 have been looking at **forces related to funfairs**. We made simple rides for marbles to roll through, then tested how much energy we needed to create enough centripetal force to get the marble to go around the loop. We discussed the variables we needed to control to make our tests fair and lifted the end of our ramp to increase the amount of potential energy in our marble.

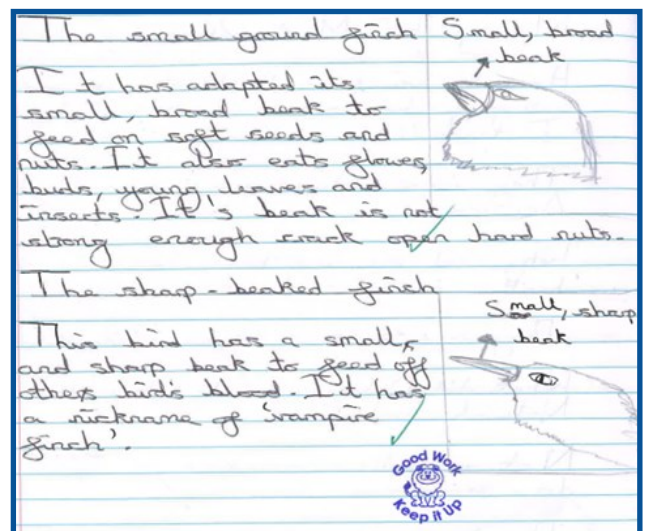
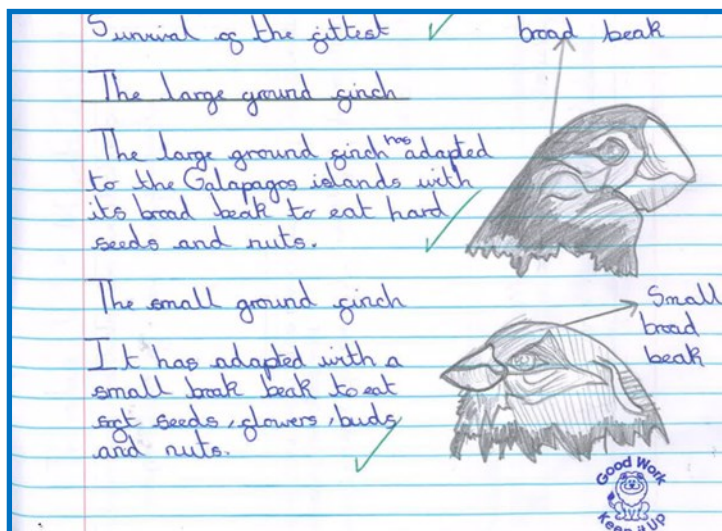


Some children in 5TR set up a run on a construction kit. It was hard to control velocity and the ball kept jumping the track as it was too fast. It's a good job it wasn't a real funfair ride!

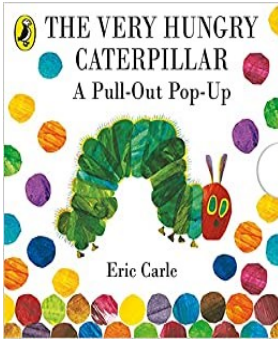
Fortunately, Miss Loach popped in for a visit and provided some useful skills to the proceedings.

## Year 6

This week in Year 6, as part of Science Week, the children had to **research different types of finches**. This was linked to our topic of 'Evolution and Inheritance'. The children have been studying **Charles Darwin**, who was and still is a world-renowned scientist. Darwin stated that humans have descended from apes and as part of his research to help support his theory, he went to the Galapagos Islands and studied the vast variety of finches that were on the island. In Year 6, we also researched the different types of finches and wrote down how each finch has adapted to survive in its environment. Please have a look at some of our amazing work...



## Thornton Staff Book Review



My favourite book was *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. I used to wish I was that caterpillar munching through all the fruit, ice cream, cake and cheese. I loved it when the last page was turned to reveal a beautiful butterfly. - Mrs Ahmed



### Reading makes you a better writer

When you read, your brain absorbs good writing techniques and vocabulary. In your own writing, you will unconsciously copy the writing styles of books that held your attention. Reading also enhances your vocabulary and spelling. New words appear in their natural context, and you can deduce meaning from the surrounding words, while visually imprinting their spelling for accurate recall.

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

#### Spring Term 1 Dates 2022

Term Ends: **Friday 18th February 2022**

**Half Term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February**

#### Spring Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 28th February 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 8th April 2022**

**Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April**

**Teaching Training Day: Monday 25th April 2022**

Term Starts: **Tuesday 26th April 2022**

**Teaching Training Day: Thursday 5th May 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 27th May 2022**

**Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June**

#### Summer Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June 2022**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July 2022**

### 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.

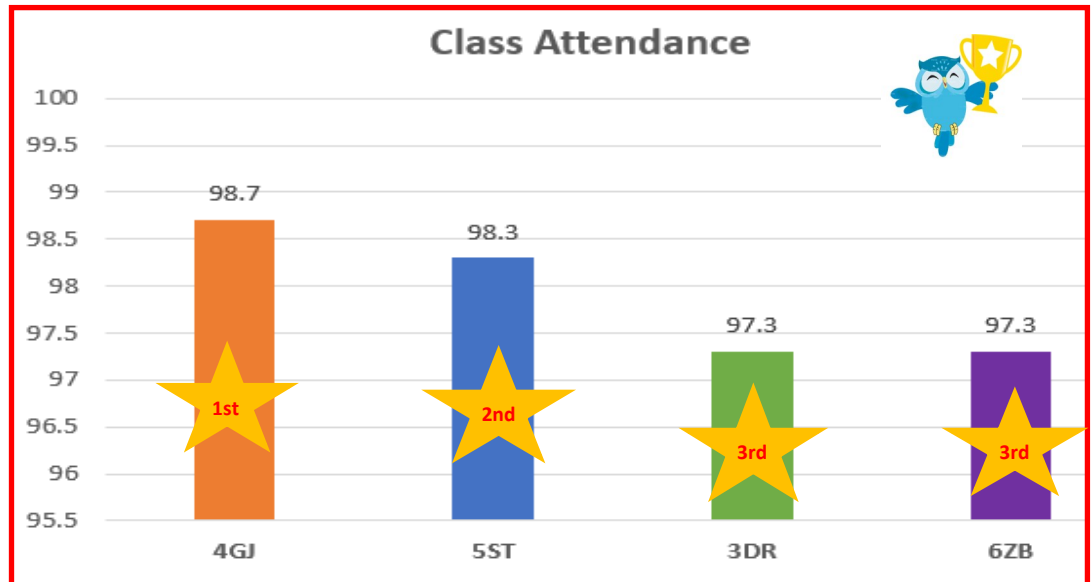
**Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.**

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



## School Attendance

Well done to 4GJ, 5ST, 3DR and 6ZB who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above during the last week.



**Our whole school attendance last week was**  
**94.3%**

### Golden Ticket Initiative

#### Spring Term Silver Award

Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat as long as they achieve **98%** or above during the whole of the Spring Term.

#### Summer Term Gold Award

Pupils need to achieve 100% for the whole academic year in order for them to qualify for the Gold Award

**Good Luck Everyone!**

### The Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project for children with both low punctuality and attendance started from Monday 14th March and will finish Friday 8th April. Please be on time and attend school everyday!

#### Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school **please call before 9am** to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please request a call back. Thank you very much for your support. We are proud to work with you to fully support your child's attendance. Remember...everyday counts! **Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824 our lines open from 8am.**



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### PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 21st March**  
**Year 3**

**Tuesday 22nd March**  
**Year 5**

**Wednesday 23rd March**  
**Year 4**

**Thursday 24th March**  
**Year 6**

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