



The Thornton Times



Home Learning - Special Edition 3

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Hello everyone

I hope that you and your loved ones are still managing to stay safe and well. It seems that we will know more about the government's decisions relating to school closures on Sunday afternoon at 4pm when Boris Johnson is due to make an announcement. Following any government announcements, we will update our website to let you know straight away what we are planning to do to support you and the children. Please can I request that you keep checking the school website, www.thornton.bham.sch.uk, as well as keeping a look out for messages sent using the school's eschools app and the school's Twitter account [@ThorntonOwls](https://twitter.com/ThorntonOwls) (the 0 for Owls is a zero!) so you can find out what we are planning to do. Thank you.



Year 6 Transition

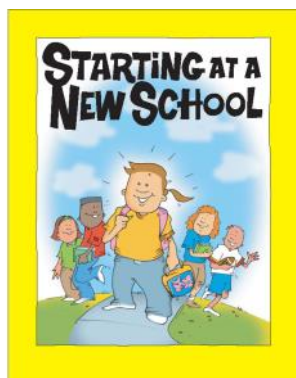
New Secondary School



For those of you in Year 6 who are looking forward to the exciting time when you will start your new secondary school, let me reassure you that we have already begun communicating with your new schools via email and telephone to make plans about the different ways to help you with your transition. Ideas about virtual school tours, meeting your teacher via a recorded video link and other ideas are being shared with us as we decide how best to get you ready for your new schools. We will let you know more as soon as we finalise what we are going to do, so keep checking the website!

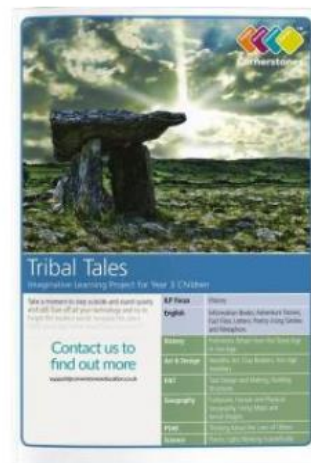


Year 2 Transition



We know that some of you will have children currently in Year 2 at Sladefield and are thinking about how transition from Sladefield to Thornton will work. We have also been thinking about how to do this differently this year given that we are now operating in a world where we need to observe strict social distancing rules. Therefore, we have created a special page on the school website called '**Sladefield Year 2 Transition**' under the 'Parents' tab. On this page we will upload special

'**Sladefield Year 2 Transition**' newsletters frequently, as well as videos made by our staff to give you a **virtual tour of our school**, and other useful bits of information and resources to look at. We have even set the children their first piece of **summer holiday homework** so that they are ready for their new topic '**The Stone Age**' in September: look for the **CREATIVE** homework information on this special transition page of our website!





Year 3 Teacher's Message

Dear Year 3,
I hope you are well and staying safe. I am missing you all and I cannot wait to see you soon. The Year 3 team have been busy at home doing many different activities; some of these are camping, creative art and metal detecting. You can see these activities on the Twitter page and you can have a go too!
Miss Jabeen

Year 3 Activity

Strawberry Ice Cream Shake

Ingredients:

225g strawberries
300ml cold milk
3 large scoops of vanilla ice cream
Extra strawberries to serve



Method

1. Put the strawberries into a food processor with the milk and ice cream.
2. Blend until smooth and creamy.
3. Pour into tall glasses, top with sliced strawberries.



Don't forget to post
photos of your Strawberry Ice
Cream Shake on Twitter !



Year 4 Teacher's Message



Hi everyone!

I hope you're all well and staying safe. Try to find and do little things to make yourself smile. Here's something to get you started:

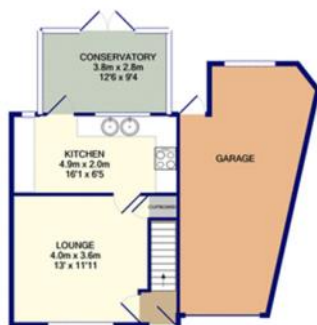
What kind of movies do cows enjoy the most?

Moo-sicals!

See you soon,
Mr Jones

Year 4 Activity

Could you draw a floor plan of your house? First, think about the shape of your house and each room. Which rooms are the biggest, and what they would look like from above? Then, draw this out in your book. Make squares by adding vertical lines to make a grid. You could use finger spaces as a measure if you don't have a ruler at home.



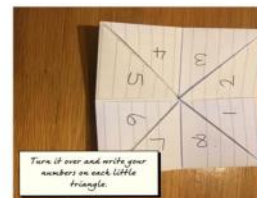
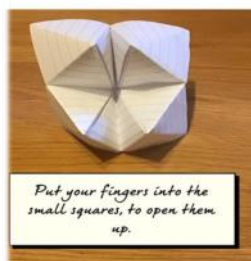
Don't forget to post photos of
your floor plans on Twitter !

For an added challenge, you could even draw the people you live with doing some of their favourite things around the house.

Year 5 Teacher's Message

Year 5 Activity: Chatter Box

You need: Paper, coloured pens or pencils



From Mr Williams

Year 6 Teacher's Message



Hi everyone,

We all hope you and your family are well. We are all thinking of you and looking forward to the day when we can all return to school. In the meantime, remember to stay safe.

Year 6 Activity

I really enjoy reading and receiving inspirational quotes. I thought I would share some of my favourites. Can you induce some positivity? A few words can lift somebody's mood instantly.



Think of a quote that will bring a beautiful smile to someone's face and share it on Twitter. We would love to read your motivational quotes!

Take care. Look after yourselves and your family.
Ms Ferrante

Don't forget to post photos of your motivational quotes on Twitter !



Inclusion Team

A message from Miss Shaheen, Ms Aktar, Ms Devi, Mr Bates, Mr McAlinden, Miss Pegg and Miss Wilcox...

'We are keeping you in our hearts, we hope to see you soon'

SEND Activities of the Week

This week Miss Shaheen has completed her wellbeing journal, bursting with creative activities. One of the things she has enjoyed the most is a spot of colouring! Did you know colouring is a simple and relaxing way to help your mind to slow down?

Have a go at drawing a pattern and colouring it in. Spend a minute or two looking at the details in the pattern before you start and take time selecting the colours you want to use. Miss Shaheen has shared some of her examples below:



Don't forget to post photos of your patterns and colouring on Twitter!



Why not have a go at making your own playdough? Playdough is brilliant for stimulating imagination, practising fine motor skills and encouraging language development.

Playdough Recipe (*****ADULT HELP NEEDED!*****)

You will need:

- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 cup salt
- 2 teaspoons cream of tartar (baking section in supermarkets)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 cups of boiling water
- Food colouring (optional)
- Bowl and wooden spoon



Method:

1. First, add the flour, salt, cream of tartar and vegetable oil to the bowl. If you are using food colouring then add this to the bowl too.
2. Next, *****please ask an adult to***** add 2 cups of boiling water and mix together with a spoon.
3. Keep mixing until the mixture is combined into a dough.
4. When the dough has cooled slightly, tip it out onto a work surface and knead until soft and easy to shape.
4. Finally, store in an airtight container or bag.

Enjoy your home made playdough for weeks!

Don't forget to post photos of your playdough on twitter!

