

Hello everyone!



I would like to thank all the parents, pupils, and staff for how they responded to the incident on St Agatha's Road on Tuesday afternoon. Thankfully, it is not every day that the road is cordoned off and four fire engines are parked at the rear of our site. Staff and pupils remained calm. Windows in the classrooms were closed and Mr Bates led the children from their PE session on the MUGA back inside the school building.

At home time, we were very grateful for your support. Pupils were collected by their families as normal and those who use the entrances left our site calmly. Understandably, there was some interest in the fire appliances, but no crowds gathered, so the pavements remained relatively clear.

West Midlands Fire Service did an excellent job throughout. They quickly had the house fire under control and liaised with us regarding access to St Agatha's Road. Although there was obviously some damage to the house we understand that thankfully nobody was hurt in the incident.

Today, I would also like to share the recent mathematics success in year 4. Over the past two months, year 4 have been working especially hard to polish their multiplication times table knowledge. We have run two times table competitions through our Times Tables Rock Stars platform. The first event, which ran just before the Christmas break, saw success for 4SH and 4TW; 4SH answered most accurately, whilst 4TW had the widest levels of participation. Our second competition, which commenced as we returned from the holiday, saw victory for 4GJ and 4MJ; with 4GJ being the most accurate, and 4MJ having the widest level of participation.

Next week, we will be starting our third competition in year 4. Again, a lot of pride is at stake. I've set an added incentive for a special prize if a class can win both the accuracy and participation award in the same competition. Time will tell whether this is possible. Competitions will also shortly commence in year 3 as well, so they too will have an extra incentive to learn their tables.

Competitions or not, please remember that all pupils have access to Times Table Rock Stars which they can join the website on a phone, tablet, laptop or desktop at <https://ttrockstars.com/>. This could be something you try out with your child over the weekend if they have not already logged on at home.

I would like to wish everyone a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on the school gate in the coming week.

Have a great weekend and stay safe !

Sam Mason, Deputy Headteacher



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## Collective Worship Ambassadors

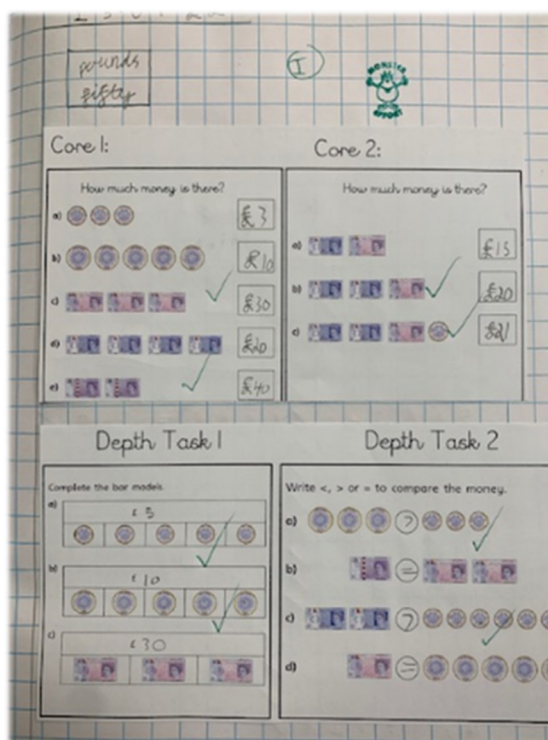
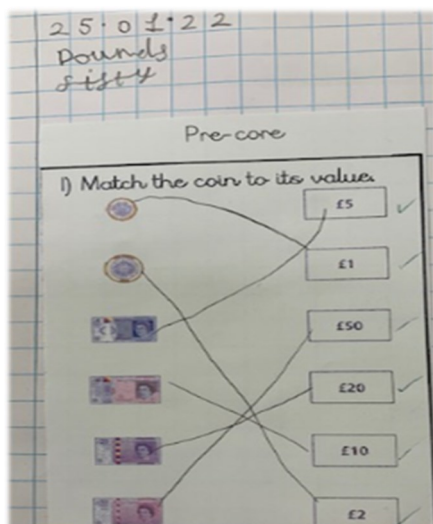
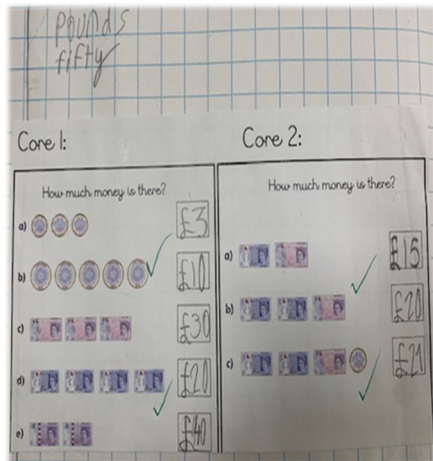
The Collective Worship Team have voted for two pupil ambassadors

Congratulations to Salihah and Myla on becoming Thornton's Pupil Ambassadors for Collective Worship. We're so proud of you! Look out for our ambassadors coming around classes in the coming weeks!



## YEAR 3

This week, year 3 have been exploring the topic of money. We have learnt to identify coins and notes, and we have been adding amounts of coins and notes together to find the total. We have also been making different amounts of money using coins. We have also had fun practising how to write the £ symbol.



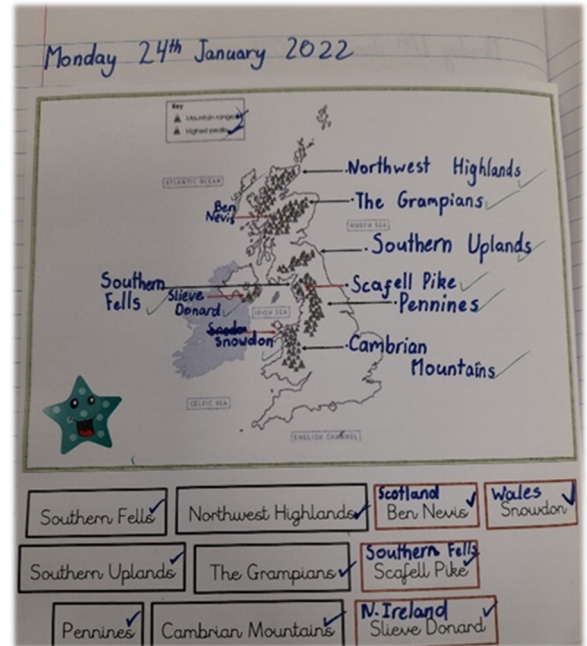
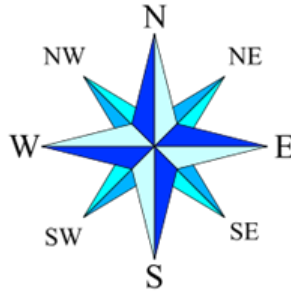


## YEAR 4

### Misty Mountains and Windy River

This week, year 4 have been exploring and locating some of the UK's mountains. The children were able to identify important mountain peaks and ranges and describe the location of the mountains in the UK using compass points.

Watch the video below to find out more about how people use maps and compass points.



We have been doing some cross curricular learning linked to Mountains in our Computing lessons too.

Last week we drafted our newspaper articles about Nirmal Purja's, who is a British mountaineer. This week, we took on the role of an editor to publish our newspaper article, using appropriate formatting skills to engage the reader.

## THORNTON NEWS

25.1.2022

### Nirmal Purja's excellent record! 😊

Nirmal Purja is an amazing mountaineer for his great work such as, climbing the most tallest mountains. Can you believe it Nirmal Purja climbed mountains that are over 8000m in 6 months. He was a soldier and a mountaineer from the country Nepal. 😊



Image of Mount Everest

Warning: Avalanches and blizzards may come randomly.

**FUN FACT:** Nirmal wanted to climb mountains because he was inspired

Nirmal Purja was born in 1983 so is either 38 or 39. He grew up in a poor family and his father was a Gurkha. Nirmal became a Gurkha at the age of 18 and served for many years. Since he was interested in becoming a mountaineer he trained for 10 years.

Nirmal hoped he will break a world wide record but little did he now he did! In April 2019 he set up a plan to reach all 14 mountains under 7 months. Finally he reached his destiny on the last summit on 29th October at 8:58.



## Thornton News

25th January 2022

### An amazing world record broken

Nirmal Purja is really famous for climbing 14 mountains in only 169 days. He also climbed the tallest mountain Mount Everest which is located in Asia. He was born in Nepal and before he was a mountaineer he was a soldier in the Marines.



Image of the weather by a mountain

Write in here...

Sadly, Nirmal grew up in a poor family but as he grew older and at the age of

18 he joined the army. He conquered the world's tallest mountain. After becoming interested in mountaineering for 10 years he started climbing. He wanted to do a real challenge and that's when he broke a world record.

Over the years, he climbed many summits and in April 2019 set out a plan to summit all fourteen mountain under 7 months. He reached the peaks in 48 hours. He had hoped that he could break a world

record. If you ever want to break a world record then be extremely positive just like the mountaineer Nirmal Purja.



## YEAR 5

Year 5 have been preparing for our Chinese New Year Assembly. 5ZY have been making 'fireworks', 5ST have been making some beautiful lanterns and 5TR have been creating puppets for a show about the Chinese Zodiac. 5BA have been learning their scripts for an informative presentation. Keep your eyes open for our finished presentation. Hsin Nien Hui (We wish you well in the New Year)



## Year 6

This week, Year 6 continued to find out lots more information about World War 2. Our focus on Wednesday was to explore what a typical day of an evacuee would be like. To begin our lesson, we looked at what an evacuee was and identified the things an evacuee would pack in their suitcase. The children were very engaged in this lesson and performed what a typical day would look like for these children.



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## **ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022**

### **Spring Term 1 Dates 2022**

**Teaching Training Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022**

Term Starts: **Wednesday 5th January 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**

## **Medical**

Parents can use the link below to check their child's BMI .

Simply click the link and use the BMI calculator to check your child body mass index (BMI) and find out if your child is a healthy weight.

**<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator>**



## **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.**



## **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!

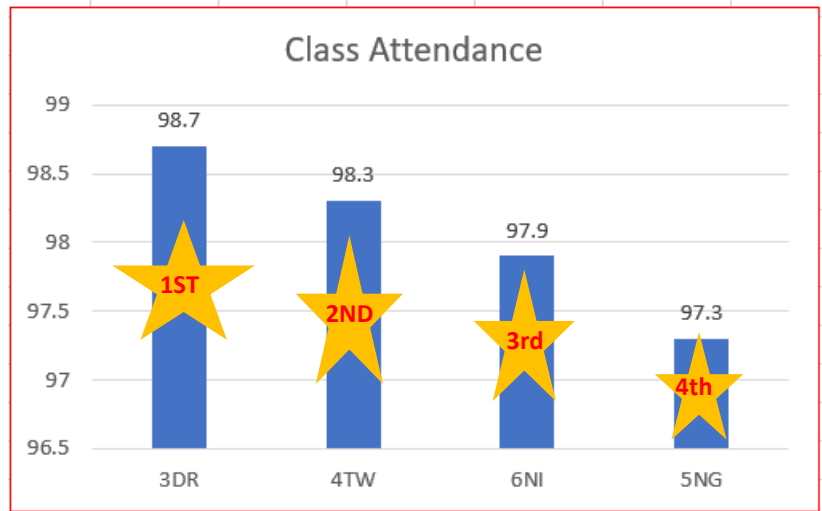
**Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824**

**our lines open from 8am.**



## School Attendance

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



**Our whole school attendance for last week was 93.3%**

## Golden Ticket Initiative

### How will the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

Thornton Primary School will be introducing the Golden Ticket attendance initiative again for the Spring Term for all pupils. Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat as long as they achieve the Silver Award attendance target of 98% or above during the Spring Term.

#### Spring Term Silver Award

Pupils need to achieve 98% and above for the spring term to qualify for the Silver Award.



#### 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!**

### PE TIMETABLE

Monday 31st January  
Year 3

Tuesday 1st February  
Year 5

Wednesday 2nd February  
Year 4

Thursday 5th February  
Year 6

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