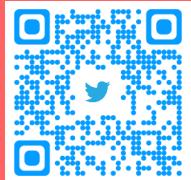


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Hello everyone

As part of our work this week on anti-bullying, **COMPASS held a special anti-bullying assembly on Wednesday**. Thank you to COMPASS and everyone who was able to attend! Well done to all the children who wore odd socks on Monday as part of our recognition of anti-bullying week.



Also on Wednesday, we had **a special visit from our Tesco Community Champion**, Mrs Miah, who presented us with our **Tesco Stronger Starts cheque for £500!** We are really looking forward to starting our '**Growing for Health**' project soon and will keep you updated about how we're getting on growing fruit and vegetables for the school kitchen to use.

Congratulations to Year 6 who produced a truly uplifting and energetic **Harvest Assembly** this morning, supported by the **extraordinarily brilliant ViJAY!** All the hard work and effort that went in to preparing for their performance was well worth while as the talent on show is something we should all be celebrating—**well done Year 6 and a very BIG well done to all the parents who joined in the Bhangra dancing** at the end! What a way to end the week!



 Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising for **Children in Need** today. It was lovely to see **spotty and sporty children and staff** in school and to receive your generous donations for this deserving charity. We are very proud of our #thorntonfamily grand total...**£385.10!**

Here are a few important dates for you:

Monday 17 November

Friday 21 November 9-9.30am

Thursday 27 November 9-9.30am

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Friday 28 November 9-9.30am

Friday 5 December 9-10am

Monday 8 December 8.45-9.30am

Thursday 11 December

Tuesday 16 December

Wednesday 17 December

Friday 19 December 9-10am

Friday 19 December

Monday 5 January 2026

Tuesday 6 January 8.45am

Great British Energy Project Engagement Day for all School and Eco Councillors

Year 3 Road Safety Assembly for Y3 parents/carers

Year 5 Diwali Assembly for Y5 parents/carers

Catch up school photograph day for any children that were away!

Year 6 SATs meeting for all Y6 parents/carers

Phonics Parent Workshop for parents/carers of children receiving extra phonics support (individual invitations to be sent out)

Year 4 Healthy Sleep Workshop for Year 4 parents/carers

Christmas Jumper Day (or wear your favourite jumper!)

Year 5 Christmas dinner (children only)

Year 3 Christmas dinner with Y3 parents/carers

Year 4 Christmas dinner (children only)

Year 6 Christmas dinner (children only)

Year 3 Nativity Assembly for all Year 3 parents/carers

Last day before the TWO WEEK Christmas holidays start!

Teacher Training Day 3—school closed to ALL children

School opens for ALL children

We are also delighted to share with you some more fantastic news—Thornton has been selected to benefit from the **Great British Energy Solar Project** and will be having solar panels fitted to some of the school roof space in the new year! And finally, please read further on in our newsletter to find out all about our **Author of the Month for November, Priscilla Mante...**

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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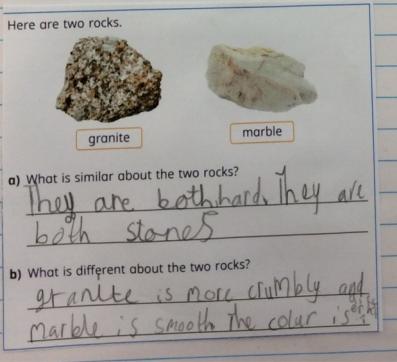
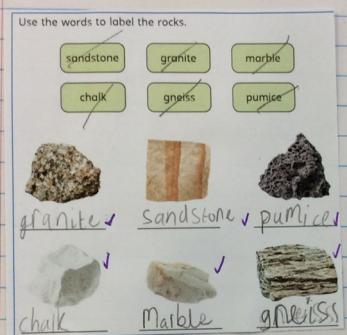


Year 3

During the science lesson, children worked in small groups to observe, discuss and compare different types of **rocks**.

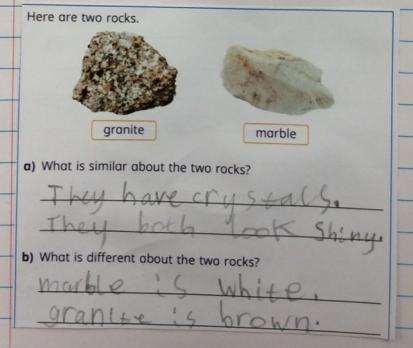
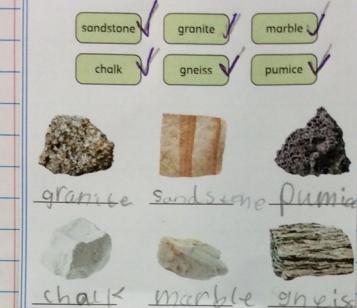
They carefully examined each rock, discussing its appearance, colour, texture, hardness and other physical properties.

The groups then shared their observations and talked about how the rocks were similar or different based on these properties.



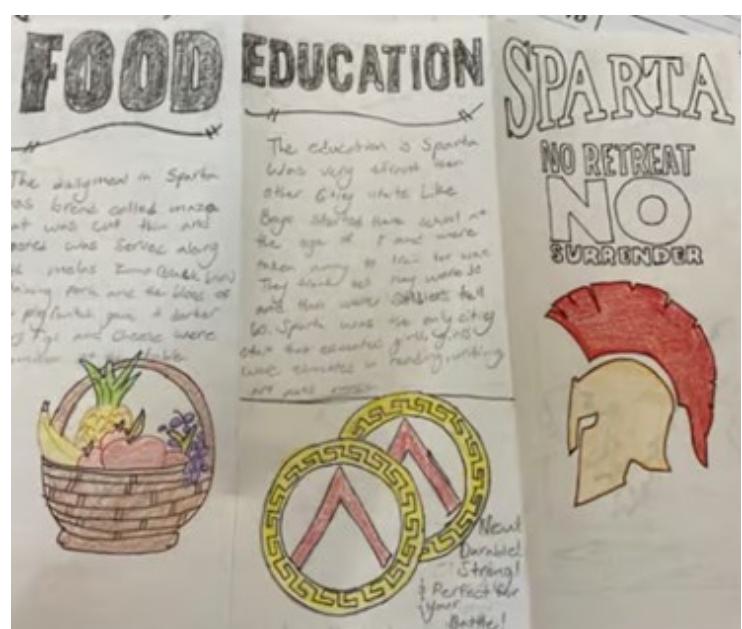
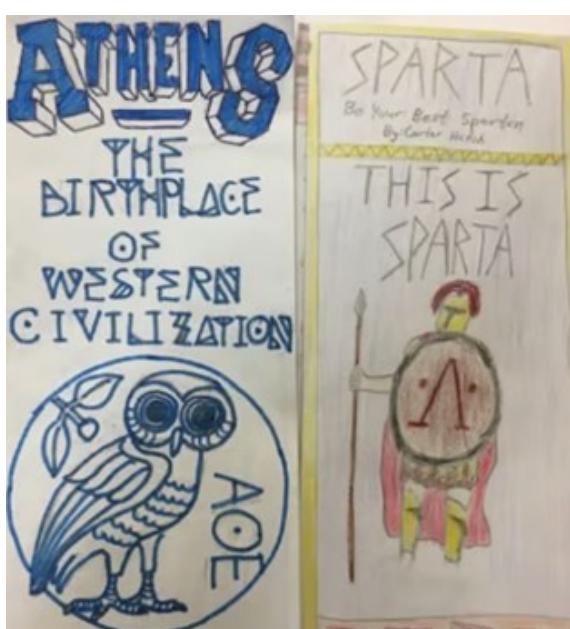
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Use the words to label the rocks.



Year 4

As part of our **Ancient Greece** topic, Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the rivalry between Athens and Sparta. Athens and Sparta were two city states who went to war against each other. We enjoyed looking at the differences between the two sides and designed posters to show what we have learnt!



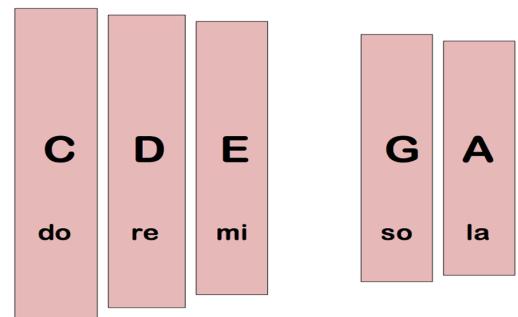
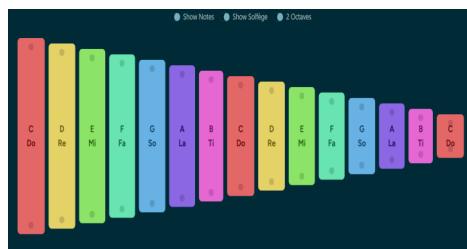
Year 5

In Music this half term, Year Five have been building on our previous musical skills to begin exploring **improvising and composing sections of music** based on different genres of music.

We did this by practicing on the school's glockenspiels or opting to use our iPads through a specialist music website. Our teachers advised and modelled different notes that we could combine from the pentatonic scale, helping us to maintain a constant beat.



The melodies we created accompanied an orchestral piece called, Breathe, which we will be sharing as performances and tablature with our class mates next week.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 had the opportunity to analyse features, discuss and plan a **diary entry**. Pupils crafted a diary entry from Rose Blanche's perspective (who is the protagonist in class novel).

13 January 1943

Dear Diary,

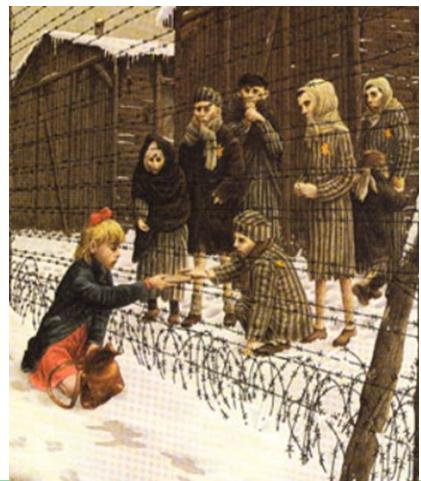
I stumbled across something peculiar today. I followed an army vehicle, which led my me to an abandoned building with broken windows and surrounding it was an electric fence. I know I shouldn't have followed it, but living inside were hundreds of children. Yes, you read it right. Children! All I could hear was their cries for food. Sadly, I didn't have any. Feeling guilty, I left. Knowing I had to come up with a plan.

20 January 1943

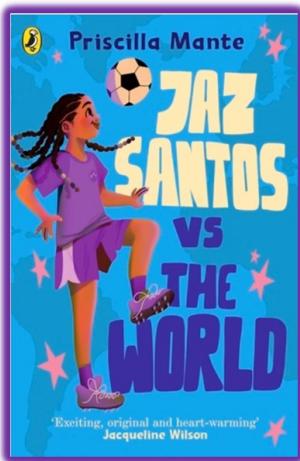


Dear diary Diary,

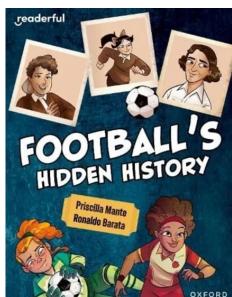
Today, I nearly got caught. I was walking home when I saw the Gestapo. I clutched my satchel and started to walk home as fast as I could, but then he stopped me and asked, "What is in that bulky satchel?"



Author of the Month 'November'



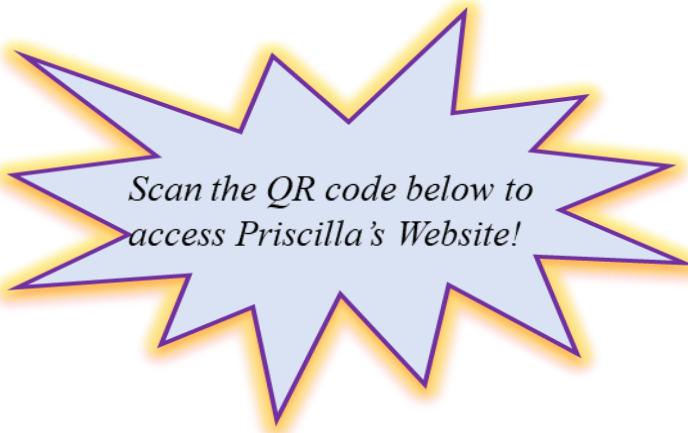
Priscilla Mante



Priscilla Mante is the author of the Dream Team series, Football's Hidden History and co-author of the Other Father Christmas. Her debut novel Jaz Santos vs. the World was shortlisted for the 2022 Sunday Times Sport Book Awards. Priscilla grew up in Glasgow on a steady diet of books and football. She now lives in England, where she spends her time writing stories for children and adults, doing author visits, traveling and trying out new recipes from around the world.



Scan the QR code below to access Priscilla's Website!





TTRS Competition Round 2



Next week is the second round of our intra-class **Times Tables Rockstar Competition**. This time the competition will be running from **Monday 17th November to Monday 24th November**.

To take part children simply need to use a device (smartphones work) and login at <https://trockstars.com>. As before the children will be competing against other classes in their year group. Also, again, there will individual prizes for the top scorers in each class. I look forward to sharing the result of the next round with you in the coming weeks. In the meantime please see the results from Round 1 below.

Mr Mason

Round One Result

Year Group	Winning Class
3	3ZY
4	4TW
5	5ST
6	6ZB



Individual Top Scorers



Year 3: 3MJ Usman, 3SQ Saif, 3ST Aidan , 3ZY
Bilal

Year 4: 4AA Zaynab, 4NG Abdul, 4SH Zahra, 4TW Ayaan

Year 5: 5TR Ayan Omar, 5BA Subhan, 5GJ Avram, 5ST Hawa

Year 6: 6NI Medina, 6HB Fatimah, 6MF Musa, 6ZB Aiza.



DINE

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WEEK THREE

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Main

Vegetarian

Allergy Free

Sides

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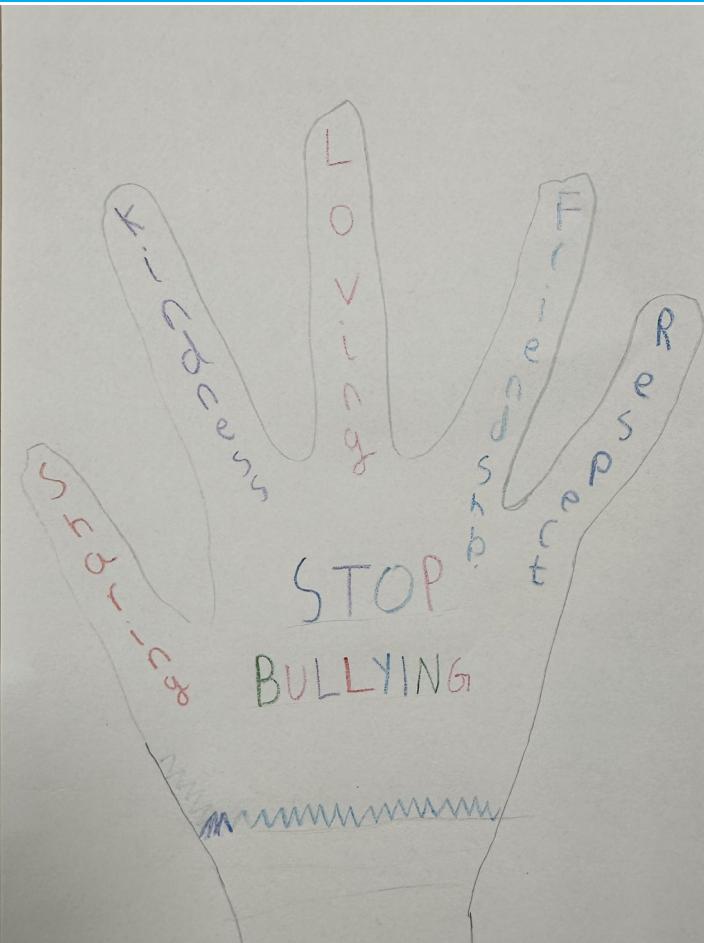
WEEK COMMENCING:
17/11, 08/12, 29/12, 19/01, 09/02,
02/03, 23/03

Comfort Food	Italian	Roasts	Around the World	Fish & Chips
BBQ Chicken	Lasagne	Roast Sausages	Butter Chicken	Fish Fingers
Cauliflower Cheese Pasta Bake	Veg Lasagne	Veg Sausages	Potato & Spinach Curry	Vegetable Fingers
BBQ Chicken	Af Beef Bolognese	Af Roast Chicken & Gravy	Af "Butter" Chicken	Af Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Roasties and Sweetcorn & Peas	Garlic Slice and Green Salad	Mash, Peas and Gravy	Rice and Spiced Cauliflower	Chips and Beans
Cheesy Tomato Pasta	Cheesy Green Pasta	Cheesy Tomato Pasta	Cheesy Pasta	Cheesy Tomato Pasta
Jacket Potato with choice of topping				
Freshly made sandwiches and crudites are also available				
Apple Flapjack	Sprinkle Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Lemon Cheesecake & Custard	Ginger Cookie

Fresh Bread and Salad is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly or Fruit instead of dessert

MIQUILL

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



Anti-Bullying Week happens every November and reminds us to be kind, respectful, and help make our school a safe and happy place for everyone. It links to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which says all children have rights. Article 2 reminds us that these rights belong to every child, **Article 12** says children's voices should be listened to, **Article 13** says children can share their ideas, and **Article 19** says all children should be kept safe from harm. Together, we can make our school a place where everyone feels valued and included.

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OTHERS
THE WAY
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School Attendance

Class Attendance

Congratulations to classes **4AA, 6ZB and 6NI** who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above for last week!

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

Weekly 100% Class Attendance

Congratulations to classes **4SH** and **5GJ** who excelled the school target of 97% by achieving 100% class attendance. Mr Mason surprised the class with a £25 voucher which can be spent on new class resources as a reward for their excellent attendance!



Best Class Attendance Award Autumn Term 1

A huge congratulations to **4SH** for winning the best class attendance award for Autumn Term 1. Mr Mason surprised the class with a £50 voucher which can be spent on new class resources or a class VIP experience as a reward for their excellent attendance! Who will win this award next half-term?



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 17th November

Year 4

Tuesday 18th November

Swimming for 4TW and 4AA.

Wednesday 19th November

Year 3

Thursday 20th November

Year 5

Friday 21st November

Year 6

Languagenut Global Competition

The **Languagenut Global Competition** has now started and will run until **24th November**!

If you'd like to take part, simply complete as many activities as you can on the **Languagenut App** over the next 14 days.

Bonus:

All activities completed on **Fridays** will earn **double points**!

The **top 30 students** on the final Global Leaderboard will win **Amazon gift vouchers** ranging from **£10 to £50**.



Good luck to everyone taking part; let's see how high we can climb on the leaderboard!



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Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call or leave a message on the school absence answering machine 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 a first aider please request a call back. Please ring the school office on **0121 327 0824** our lines are open from 8am. Thank you very much for your support.



Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, **nut free** snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. **Strictly no nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies**. Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates.

Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime!