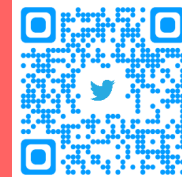




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Hello everyone

We want to say a very BIG thank you to **The Blue Coat School** in Harborne for inviting some of our **Year 3** pupils to a **forest school experience**. The children travelled to the school in minibuses generously provided by the school. They were met by Charlie and Helen who looked after everyone brilliantly for the day! There was a chance to explore fire-lighting and woodworking, and even make



pendants. There was lots of teamwork, perseverance and determination used to



complete the challenging activities, and an abundance of enthusiasm! A delicious lunch was also provided followed by a fun puzzle game which involved trying to cross a bridge without enough beams. Thank you again to The Blue Coat School for providing such a great opportunity for the children and making them feel so welcome, and a huge thank you to the staff and pupils on the trip for being excellent ambassadors for Thornton!



Don't forget! **Monday 14th November is our odd socks day!** To show our support for anti-bullying week next week, we encourage everyone to wear odd socks! And **Friday 18th November is Children in Need Day** and children are encouraged to wear something cosy (that will keep them warm!) and try to bring a donation in for this charity (we are



suggesting 50p).

## OUTRIGHT

2022

How are we going to launch the OUTRIGHT campaign at Thornton School?

We are going to kick start the campaign with a competition!

Your entry needs to answer this question:

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE HEALTHY?

Be as creative as you like!

You can write a speech, create a poem, a leaflet, a poster or a 3D model- it is up to you!

Think about the ABCDE of rights- and how all children around the world are affected.



Thank you to everyone who attended the **e-safety coffee morning** this week. Please look out for an email sent home today about e-safety.

And finally, we are excited to launch our **UNICEF competition** and can't wait to see the creative entries!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



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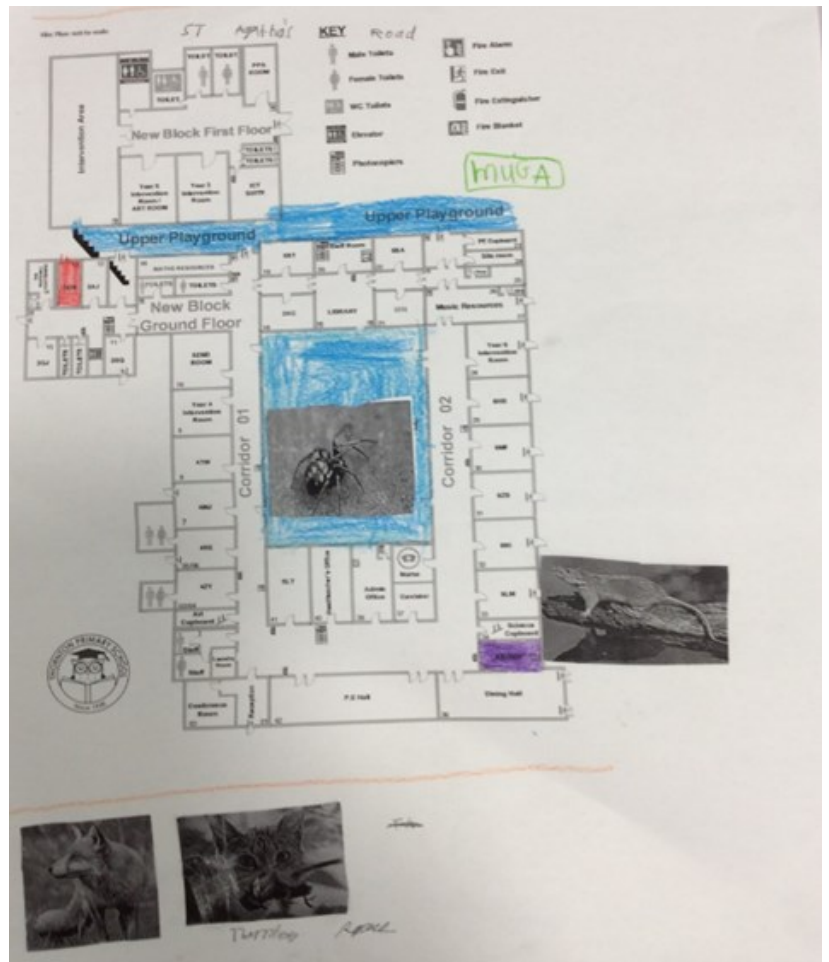


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### Year 3

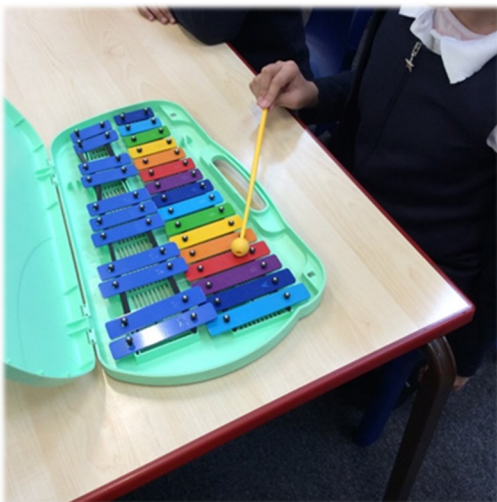
This week in **Geography**, the children used a map of the school to **locate different areas in and around the school**.

They also identified and discussed where different predators may be found around the school and surrounding areas. Finally, the children were asked to present their map to the class and explain how they decided why these predators may be found around the local environment.



### Year 4

This term in Year 4, the children will be learning about the **language of music** through **playing the glockenspiels**. They will be focusing on exploring and developing playing skills through the glockenspiel. This week, the children used notations to improvise their own piece of music and performed to the rest of the class. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves!



**D-E-F-inately**

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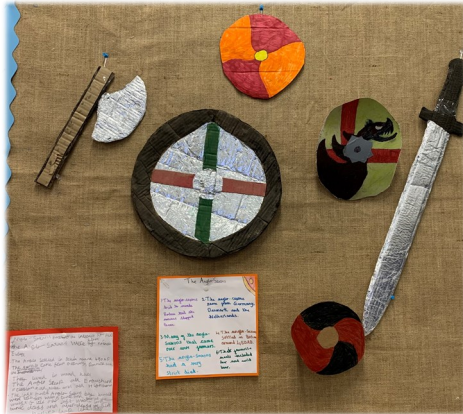
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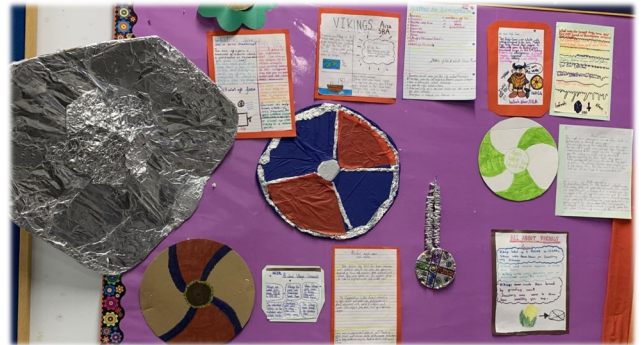
## Year 5



Children in Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying their topic on **Anglo Saxons**. They have looked at who the Anglo Saxons were -where they came from, and which parts of Britain they lived in. They have also researched about their way of life-food they ate, houses they lived in and the clothes they wore.



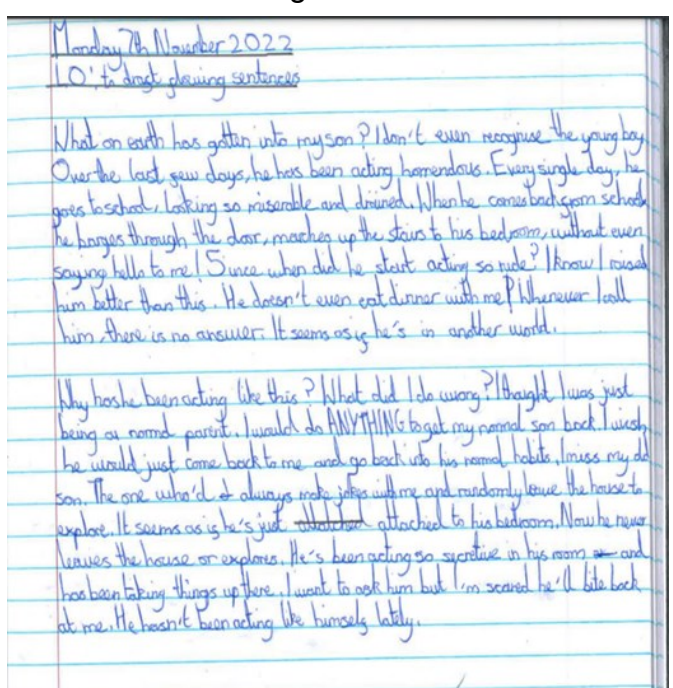
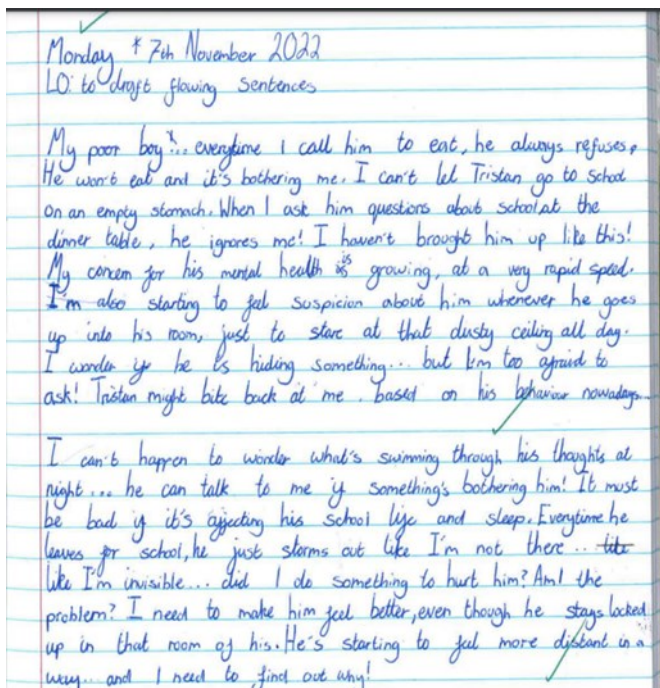
The children have been so enthused by the topic that many of them are continuously bringing in creative work. Keep up the good work Year 5!



## Year 6

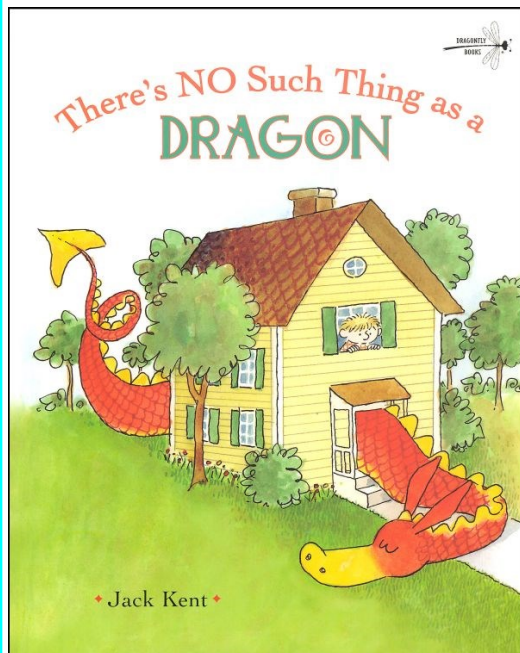


In Year 6 we have been reading **The Viewer**. It is a very exciting and mysterious book about a boy called Tristan who finds a machine and dares to take a look inside. What he encounters is a series of pictures that take over his life. The machine leaves a lasting impression on Tristan and changes his life forever. Some of the children had to write a monologue from the perspective of Tristan and others had to write a monologue from the perspective of Tristan's mother. The children enjoyed writing their **monologues** and managed to capture the thoughts and feelings of the characters they were writing about. Please have a read below and see some of their fantastic monologues.



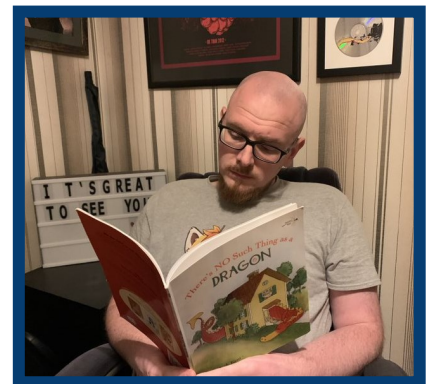
## Thornton Staff Book Review

### There's No Such Thing As A Dragon by Jack Kent



Billy Bixbee is a regular child who just so happens to wake up one morning and find a dragon waiting patiently at the foot of his bed. Confused by this, he goes downstairs to ask his mother for advice. "There's no such thing as a dragon," she declares. So Billy goes on with his day, because if there's no such thing as something, it seems pointless to think about it, doesn't it?

This book was a comforting book to read from time-to-time when I was younger as it was such a silly story, I could nestle into somewhere comfy and enjoy the beautiful illustrations and laugh along with how the story unfolds. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves stories that become truly unbelievable.



**Reviewed by: Mr Jones (Class Teacher)**

## Ready, Respectful, Safe.

### **Ready, Respectful, Safe.**

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful and safe.

This week's word of the week is: **'adaptable'**

**Adaptable is a word linked to our expectation to be ready, but what does adaptable mean**

*"Being adaptable is getting used to a change, for example getting used to having a new teacher at the start of the school year."*

Salma 5TR

As Salma explains, being adaptable is having an ability to cope with change. Some changes in school are temporary. For instance, a year group might have a special one-off assembly in the hall. However, others are more long term. For instance, adapting to working with a new class teacher or moving on to secondary school. An ability to change and adjust, and still be ready to learn, is vital because changes of this nature (one-off and permanent) are a feature of life.

**Ready**

**Respectful**

**Safe**

**Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher**



## Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day

**Odd Socks Day** marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week and this year it's taking place on

**Monday 15th November.**

**Odd Socks Day** is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

We will have donation buckets on the school gates on Monday and people are welcome to make a donation to support the anti-bullying alliance.

Every class will have a PSHE lesson next week with a focus on bullying and we also have the PCSO's visiting year 3 and year 6.



## Download School Gateway today!

Please, if you haven't done so already, install our communications app. Thank you. Through the app you can find shortcuts to our weekly **Newsletters**, **Calendar** with all the important events, **School Meals Menu**, **Parent Pay and much more**. all you need to do is:

- 1) Go into the App store on your phone and search for **School Gateway** and install it
- 2) On the login page, **scroll down** and select **Don't have an account, Sign Up**.
- 3) Type in your email and mobile number - These **MUST** be the same as the Primary Contact details already provided to school
- 4) The **School Gateway** system will send a pin code (takes up to 20 seconds to receive) and this needs to be added to the app to complete the installation

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## School Attendance

### Class Attendance

Well done to everyone who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week.

**3AJ, 3GJ, 4RE, 5TR, 5BA and 6LM**

### The Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

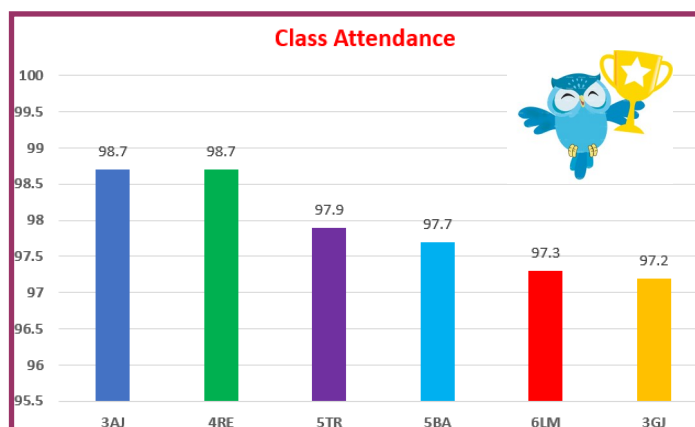
The Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project will start on **Monday 14th November until 9th December**. These projects will help the children to improve their attendance and punctuality this term. All the pupils have who are

part of the initiative have had an attendance assembly today explaining the initiative and a letter has been sent home to the parents/carers too.

The parents/carers will also be invited for a low attendance concern meeting to discuss how the school can support them and their child in improving their child's attendance.

### Golden Ticket Initiative - Autumn Term Bronze Award

Pupils need to achieve 97% and above to qualify for a bronze golden ticket. Successful pupils will then be invited to watch a fantastic live performance of the pantomime 'Jack and Jill and the Beanstalk' at school in January. Golden tickets will be awarded at the end of Autumn term 2!



**Our school attendance for last week was 94%**

### 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 £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.**

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

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

#### Autumn Term 2022

**Term 2 Starts: Monday 31st October**

**Term 2 Ends: Friday 16th December**

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January**

#### Spring Term 2023

**Teaching Training Day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023**

**Term Starts for pupils on: Wednesday 4th January 2023 .**

### PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 14th November**

**Year 3**

**Tuesday 15th November**

**Year 5**

**Wednesday 16th November**

**Year 4**

**Thursday 17th November**

**Year 6**

**Friday 18th November**

**Swimming for classes 4TW & 5NG**

**Children in 4TW will need to be in school for 8.25am**

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