



Hello everyone

We cannot wait until Monday morning when we will see all the #thorntonfamily back together! Staff have been super busy this week making sure everything is ready. I must say a particularly BIG thank you to our amazing site team, led by Mr Corbett, who have been deep cleaning and getting the school site prepared all week.

**The safety of our everyone is our number one priority.** To reassure you, the site team will continue to do extra cleaning throughout the school day to ensure we maximise everyone's safety. Classrooms will also be restocked throughout the day with antibacterial hand soap, paper towels, hand sanitiser and tissues, as well as frequent emptying of bins. Windows and classroom doors will continue to be opened to increase ventilation, and children will play in their own bubble groups on their own zone of the playground.

### Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

Staff have been answering the following FAQs this week and last week when making telephone calls home to all children and their parents and carers:

- **Do children need to wear a face mask in school?** No – government guidance states this is not necessary
- **Are the children tested twice-weekly in school?** No – Primary aged children are NOT required to take twice weekly LFT tests in school
- **Do children need to wear school uniform?** Yes – government guidance states that uniform should be worn
- **What time do the children start and finish school?** There are staggered drop-off and pick-up times:

<b>Drop-off:</b>	<b>Y6- 8.30am</b>	<b>Y5- 8.40am</b>	<b>Y4- 8.50am</b>	<b>Y3- 9am</b>
<b>Pick-up:</b>	<b>Y6- 3.30pm</b>	<b>Y5- 3.25pm</b>	<b>Y4- 3.20pm</b>	<b>Y3- 3.15pm</b>

- **Where do I collect my child from?** In the morning, we would prefer the children to be dropped at one of the 'IN' gates that are manned by school staff. In the afternoon, one adult can come onto site at the staggered pick-up time to collect their child from the classroom door or identified area used before lockdown.
- **Should my child only wear their PE kit to school on the days they do PE?** Yes
- **What can my child bring to school with them?** Your child will need to bring their packed lunch (if they don't have a school dinner), their school planner/diary and their reading book (which they will be given on their first day back). School will provide a named water bottle for your child which will be kept and cleaned in school.

Thank you so much for working in partnership with us. See you on Monday – yay!

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Cathy Grace, Acting Headteacher

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**From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test using ONE of the following 4 ways (YOU WILL NOT GET THEM FROM SCHOOL):**

- **through your employer if they offer testing to employees**

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

- **at a local test site**

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator. You may need to book an appointment.

- **by collecting a home test kit from your nearest test kit collection point**

You can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a local collection point. Each pack contains 7 tests. Anyone 18 or over can collect.

Most collection points are open from 1.30pm to 7pm. You can check online if the location is open or busy before you go. You do not need to make an appointment.

Do not visit a collection point outside opening hours, as it may be used to test people with coronavirus symptoms outside these times.



- **by ordering coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow home test kits online**

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.



### **What twice-weekly testing involves**

You will be asked to:

- \* take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
- \* report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test
- \* report your test result online or by calling 119.

If anyone tests positive or gets coronavirus symptoms, they should tell the school and:

- ◆ self-isolate immediately
- ◆ get a PCR test to confirm the result
- ◆ follow the stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection
- ◆ A negative result means the test did not find signs of coronavirus. But this does not guarantee you do not have coronavirus, so you should keep following all coronavirus advice including:
  - ◆ regular handwashing
  - ◆ social distancing
  - ◆ wearing a face covering where recommended

## Travelling to school safely

How parents/carers and pupils can travel to and from school safely:

- if you live a short distance from your school or college, walk, cycle or scoot to and from school wherever it is possible and safe to do so
- avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- if you are using public transport to get to school or college, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey
- when you are travelling by public transport, don't forget to:
  - \* wear a face covering (unless you are exempt, including if you are aged 11 and under). It is important you wear them for the entirety of your journey, including inside a bus or train station
  - \* social distance where possible
  - \* wash or sanitise your hands regularly



## WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL !

Children can bring a healthy, nut-free snack to have at break or lunch 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 in their Packed Lunches. Thank you.



# Lockdown Learners of the Week



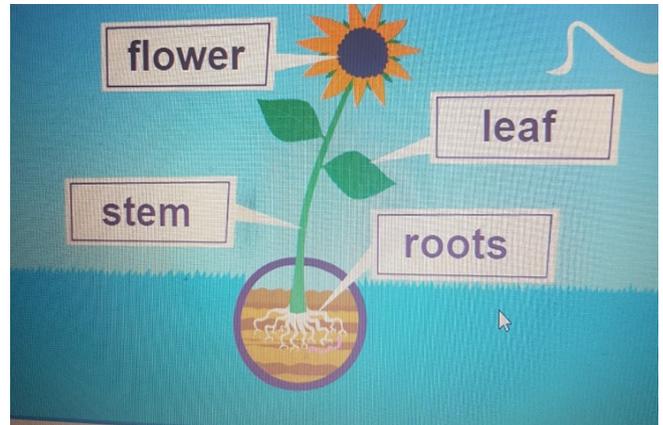
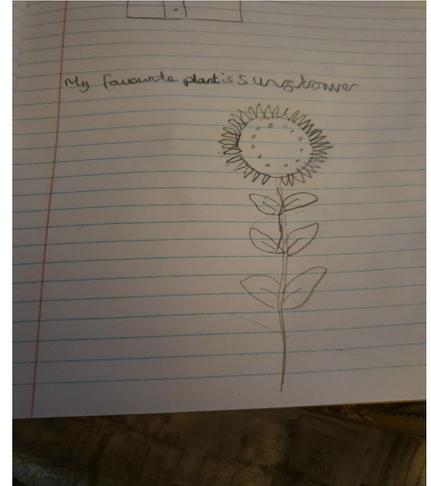
W/C—26/02/2021— These children received special post cards from their teachers to celebrate the excellent work they have been doing on Google Classroom and remote learning work packs. **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

3EB	Maryam
3AH	Haseeb
3MJ	Isa
3SQ	Anees
4SH	Inaaya
4TW	Aaliyah
4GJ	Daniel Zaib
4AB	Shandana
4DR	Ma'Wa
5BA	Anabia
5ZY	Zulaykha Bisma
5NG	Eilza Ayaan
5ST	Rehan Sana
5TR	Eshan
6NI	Eshan Selina
6HJ	Inayah Adam
6MF	Aneela Sharma-Arke
6ZB	Daniel Ehab
6HB	Sokhna Zakariyya

# Remote Learning

## Year 3

In Year 3, we have been learning about plants. We made sure we knew all the parts of the plant and next we are moving on to the functions of each part of the plant. Some children have even started growing their own plants in their garden!



## Year 4

In recent weeks, we have been rehearsing our mark making skills in pencil as well as looking at the world around us in our new Misty Mountain Sierra topic. This week, can you combine all these elements to draw a pencil sketch of one of your favourite places? This can be indoors or outdoors, from memory or using a photo to refer to. Don't forget to show off your art skills by tweeting out to [@ThorntonOwls](https://twitter.com/ThorntonOwls).



## Year 5

Year 5 are learning all about earthquakes and volcanoes this term. As part of their Design and Technology lesson, they have been designing and creating structures that will withstand an earthquake. Here are some of the amazing examples they have made:



**Hafsa  
5ST**



**Jean-  
Christian  
5NG**

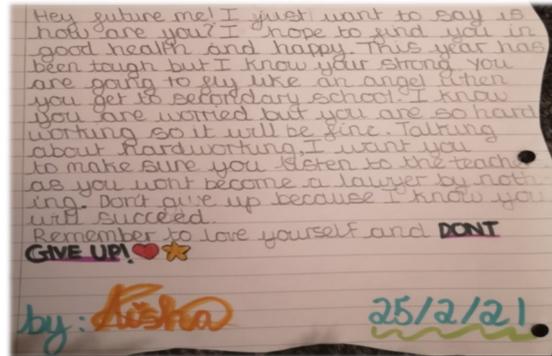


**Ahad 5ST**

## Year 6

Aisha wrote a letter to herself to reflect on her goals and acknowledge her achievements during this stressful time.

### Aisha 6NI – PSHE Letter To Yourself



Afia and Umar are writing about a monster that they have created. They have been very imaginative and creative in their ideas. They have planned out characteristics for their monsters so they can write an amazing story later on. We are looking forward to reading the fantastic pieces of writing!

### Afia 6HB – Writing

**Frost dragon**

**Appearance-**

- Large white wings.
- Soft white feathery skin.
- Point on its head.
- Two green eyes like a cat.
- Sharp pointy teeth.
- A pointy nose.
- They are dragon like

**Diet-**

- Polar bears
- They also eat fish.
- They eat ice.
- In the night they go to hunt for food.
- They can eat anything.

**Habitat-**

- These creatures inhabit the arctic.
- They live in the coldest and the most remote places of the arctic.
- They cannot survive in hot places.
- This creature's home is so cold that not much monsterologists have seen this creature.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Writing

LO: To plan ideas for an information text.

Name of creature	The Blobogorian	
Appearance of this creature: what does it look like? Consider its size, skin, and number of limbs. Does it have fur or feathers or hair or scales? Does it resemble any other creatures that the reader might have seen before?	<p><b>Appearance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is 7ft tall.</li> <li>- It is covered in fur fully except from around its eyes and on its tail.</li> <li>- It has huge bloodshot eyes.</li> <li>- It has no noses.</li> <li>- It smells from its mouth</li> <li>- It has a spiky tail.</li> <li>- It has large talons for nails.</li> </ul>	
Creature's diet: what does it eat? How does it find food? Is it a herbivore, omnivore or a carnivore? How often does it need to find food?	<p><b>Diet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It's a carnivore.</li> <li>- He eats roast bears, boiled rats and donkey's fried toes.</li> <li>- It can live without food for 1 and a half months.</li> <li>- It cannot digest vegetables.</li> <li>- Its favourite drink is dragon blood.</li> </ul>	
Creature's habitat: where does it live? Does it live in a cave, up a mountain, in a forest, underwater or in the snow? How is it suited to living in an environment like this?	<p><b>Habitat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It lives in the forests.</li> <li>- It lives in a cave when it needs to hibernate.</li> <li>- It does not like hot or humid conditions.</li> <li>- It is covered in fur which helps it adapt to the chilly weather.</li> <li>- It has large talons which help it climb trees in the forest to hide from prey and then it attacks.</li> </ul>	

**Umar 6HB**

## Apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status)

If you're an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, you and your family can apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living in the UK after 30 June 2021.

If your application is successful, **you'll get either settled or pre-settled status.**

The EEA includes the EU countries and also Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

### When you can apply

The EU Settlement Scheme is open. You can **apply now** if you meet the criteria.

**The deadline for applying is 30 June 2021.**

You must usually have started living in the UK by 31 December 2020.

### **Fees**

It's free to apply to the scheme.

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/applying-for-settled-status>



### **P.E.**

**P.E. Lessons will start week commencing 15th March. Look out for the PE timetable in next week's newsletter.**



### New Arrival



We are pleased to announce the safe arrival of our Lunchtime supervisor Mrs Jobe 's baby boy. Both mum and baby are doing well.

**Congratulation Mrs Jobe**

### **Attendance**

Please can you contact the school office to inform us of the reason for your child's absence. Parents/carers please give school as much information as possible about your child's absence. **Please ring the school office our lines open from 8am.**



### **School Meals**

If you would like to change your child's meal option, please remember this can only be changed at the start of each term. You must contact the school office prior to doing so. **Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.**



### **Term Dates**

#### Spring Term 2021

Term Starts : **Monday 22 February 2021**

Term Ends: **Thursday 1 April 2021**

#### Easter holiday:

**Friday 2 April 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021**

#### Summer Term 2021

**Teacher Training Day: Monday 19 April 2021**

Term Starts: **Tuesday 20 April 2021**

**Teacher Training Day: Thursday 6 May 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 28 May 2021**

#### May Half Term holiday:

**Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021**

Term Starts: **Monday 7 June 2021**

Term Ends: **Tuesday 20 July 2021**

**Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 21 July 2021**

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