

Hello everyone

Well, the dark nights are certainly beginning to make life a bit more dangerous when crossing the roads. At Thornton we do everything we can to help keep our children safe, and we are really grateful for your support with this. One area we could really do with everyone's support concerns not breaking the law! The roads outside school have special markings to help keep them clear so everyone can see up and down the road and cross safely.

**These yellow zig zags tell all drivers that it is ILLEGAL TO PARK there!** Everyone who drives a car, van or other motor vehicle has passed their driving test and so knows this law. Sadly, we have a few people who deliberately choose not to keep our community safe, including our children, and park on the zig zags! Shocking, isn't it? Last night, a car had to screech to a halt on St. Agatha's Road to avoid hitting a child who could not see if the road was clear and so stepped out from behind a car parked on the zig zags to get a better look. This time we were lucky that no one was hurt. I am **extremely worried** that we might not be so lucky next time...



The children have been involved in all sort of exciting lessons this week as they begin their **new topics** and we have really enjoyed welcoming new visitors into school to help with this, as well as enjoyed the performances given by some more familiar faces! (please read on to find out more...)

Here are a few dates to add to your diary:

**Tuesday 8th November 9am—Parents/carers coffee morning in the Old Hall focussing on e-safety**

**Friday 18th November—Children in Need day** (come in your own clothes wearing your **cosiest things**, and with crazy hair if you want to go the extra mile!). We will share more information nearer the date!

**Monday 21st November 9am-9.30am —Year 5 Diwali Assembly** (all parents and carers of Y5 pupils warmly invited)



Have a great weekend everyone, and stay dry!

**Cathy Grace, Headteacher**

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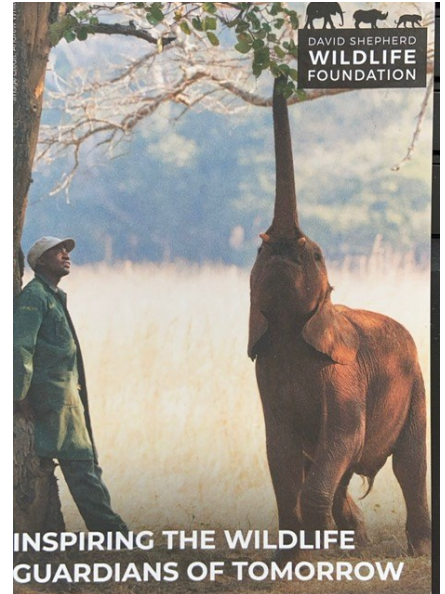


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## Year 3

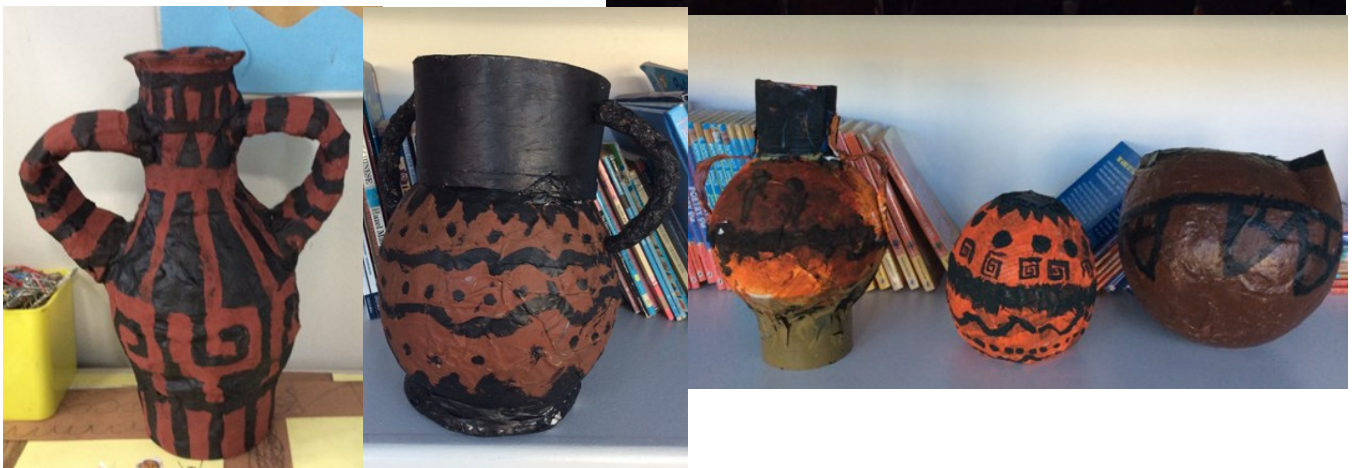
Year 3 are exploring the topic of **Predators** this half term . We started the half term by welcoming a visitor to our school from **David Shepherd Wildlife Conservation** We found out about the different types of predators that there are in our local environment and we also identified some deadly predators . We were surprised to learn that sharks aren't as deadly as they seem and that one of the most dangerous predators is the sea snake which is found in Australia!

Everybody including staff and children really enjoyed the visit.



## Year 4

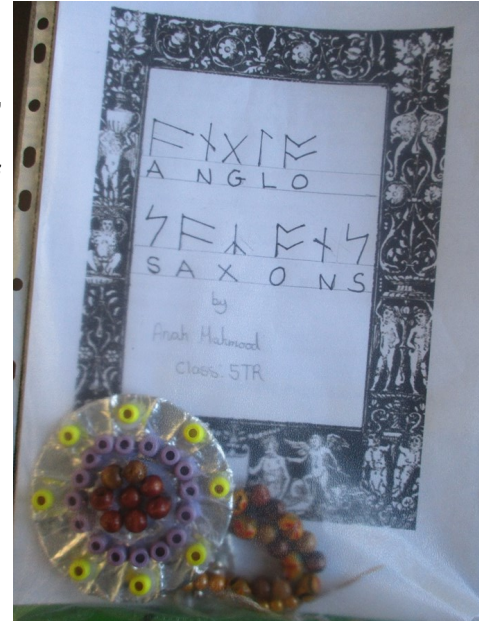
For an introduction into our topic **Ground Breaking Greeks**, Year 4 received an exciting and informative talk from **Mr Ryall** on Tuesday. They learnt about ancient Greek city states, and how the physical geography impacted the travel, culture and changes over time. The children were able to act as different tribes of Greeks which invaded other areas of land. The children have created such fantastic models as part of their CREATIVE homework about the ancient Greeks.





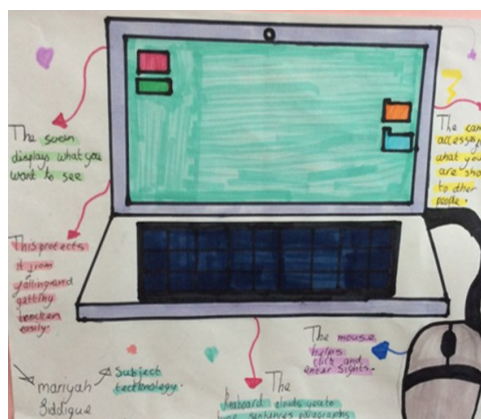
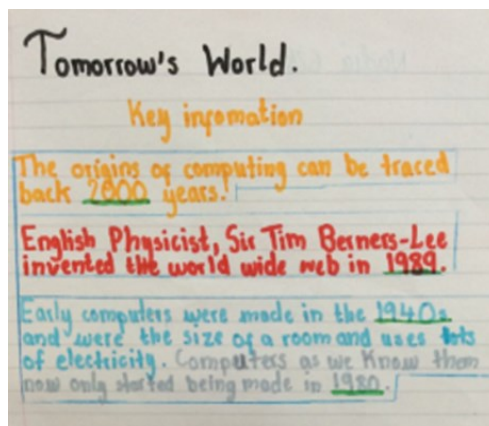
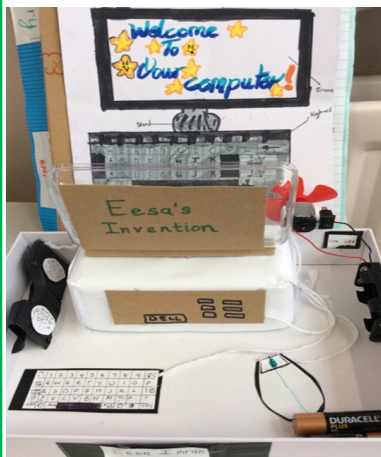
## Year 5

Year 5 had a visit from a time travelling **Anglo-Saxon farmer warrior** - oddly enough he looked a little like our very own **Mr Ryall**! He told us why and how his people had invaded and settled in Britain. The children also learnt about the different types of Saxon shields and weapons. They were famous for their shield walls which they used in battle as a form of defence and to push their enemy back. The Anglo-Saxons were very skilled craftspeople who, over the centuries, improved their techniques even further. Did you know that a single mail hauberk would have been made from thousands of individually formed and riveted links? All handmade!

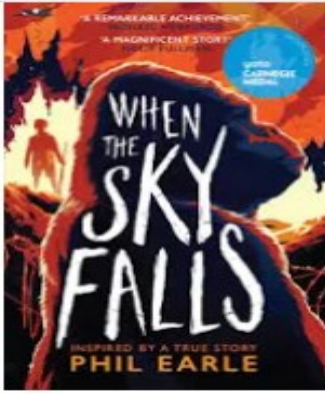


## Year 6

WOW! Year 6 students have been very busy during the half term holiday and have created some wonderful pieces of creative homework. This term our topic is about **'Tomorrow's world'**, and pupils will have the opportunity to explore the history of technological advancements and research how the gaming world has developed over time.



## Thornton Staff Book Review



### WHEN THE SKY FALLS Inspired by a true story by Phil Earle

I have just started reading When the Sky Falls and I have already been gripped by this beautifully written story set against the backdrop of the Blitz. A young boy, named Joseph, is sent away to live in the city, torn apart by the war, with a lady called Mrs F. Mrs F is not very fond of children and Joseph is an angry boy who does not like to follow rules. He has just discovered that his new guardian owns a

rundown zoo. During his first visit to the zoo, he comes face to face with a huge silverback gorilla called Adonis. Joseph is frightened but intrigued by this dangerous creature. I can not wait to discover what will happen next.

**Reviewed by: Ms Ferrante (Year 6 Class Teacher)**



### 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!**

### School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? Please make this change at the start of each term and not mid term. We would be very grateful if you could 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. Thank you.



### Reporting Absence to school

If your child is absent from school please telephone before 9am to let us know the reason.

Please give school 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 from the nurse.

Thank you for your support.

**Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824 our lines open from 8am.**





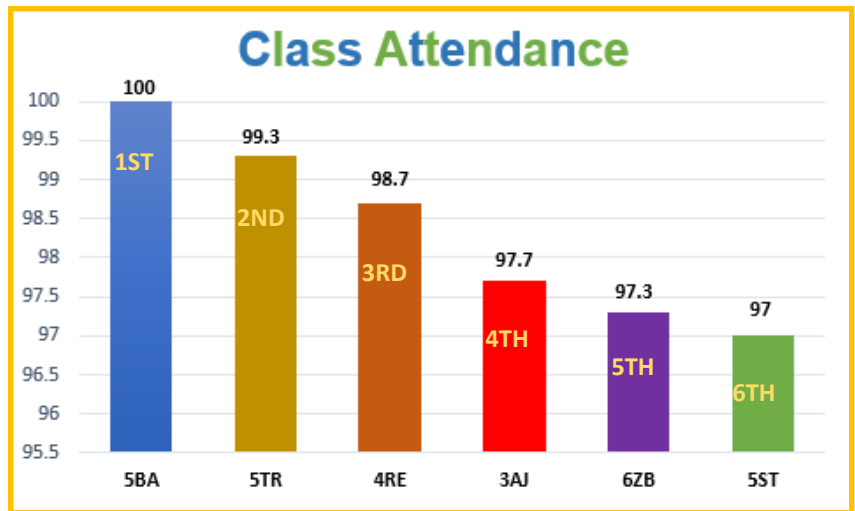
## School Attendance

### Class Attendance

Well done to **3AJ,4RE,5ST,5TR,6ZB** who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week.

### 100% Class Attendance

Congratulations to **5BA** for achieving 100% attendance. There have been rewarded with a £25 gift voucher the voucher can be used to purchase new classroom resources or a VIP experience.



Our school attendance for W/C-17.10.2022 was **94.3%**

## The Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project

In order to work in partnership with parents, we will be introducing **The Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Project** in this Autumn Term 2. This project is targeted at children with attendance below 90% and the main aim is to reward them for the achievement of attending school every day. It is a fact that children are much happier and settled if they attend school every day consistently without taking any days off. Our reward system helps raise attendance and encourages children to achieve the school target of 97% by attending every day.



### 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: Monday 2nd January 2023**

**Term Starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023 .**



### PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 7th November**

**Year 6**

**Tuesday 8th November**

**Year 4**

**Wednesday 9th November**

**Year 3**

**Thursday 10th November**

**Year 5**

**Friday 11th November**

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

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

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