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Hello everyone

Thank you for all your hard work and support this term, we really appreciate you! We hope you have a lovely holiday and come back refreshed and ready to share any **CREATIVE homework** you complete over the following week...

Many families at Thornton Primary School will know someone who has been cared for at Heartlands Hospital, our local catchment hospital. One of our pupils in Year 5 is **fundraising for the Heartlands Hospital Charity**, which supports initiatives beyond NHS budgets. While the NHS provides essential care, the charity funds the softer touches; such as toys, play areas for younger patients, and much more, that make a real difference to patients' experiences. We would be truly grateful if you could consider using the **fundraising link on the QR code** to help us all to come together to support the hospital that has cared for so many of us. Every contribution, big or small, can make a real difference. Thank you!

Here are some important dates coming up for you to know about:

KIDZ4KIDZ
Uniting Children Across The Ummah

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Ummah Welfare Trust's Kidz 4 Kidz campaign is back this year. The fundraiser encourages children from across the UK to raise money for the less fortunate around the world.

Your child's institution has agreed to take part, which means they will have brought home a self-assemble donation box.

They should use this box to fundraise amongst family and friends for one week. Thousands of children nationwide will also be fundraising, so please encourage your child to do their best.

The money raised by your child will:

Build new mosques in Afghanistan & Syria **Educate children in Syria, Turkey & Sierra Leone** **Deliver water to communities in Gaza & Yemen**

Drill new wells in Ethiopia & Malawi **Support forgotten orphans in Iraq & Syria** **Provide baby milk powder in Syria**

Why not help your child with their fundraising? In previous years, children raised money by **selling cakes**, going on **sponsored walks** or doing **household chores**.

No matter how much your child raises, all participants will receive a **goody bag** for their efforts, while the top fundraiser in each region will receive an **exclusive prize!**

Please support your child and together let us raise children who love helping those in need!

01204 661030 | 0800 4 0800 11 | uwt.org

Registered Charity Numbers | England & Wales: 1000851 | Scotland: SC043084

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February — February Half Term Holidays



Monday 23rd February — All pupils return to school 8.30am (by 8.45am latest time)

Friday 27th February — 4SH & 4TW Trip to Lapworth Museum

Friday 6th March — World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character!)

Thursday 12th March — Y3 workshops with our favourite illustrator K0rky Paul!

Friday 20th March — Red Nose Day—Comic Relief (wear your own clothes day!)

We are working again with the **Kidz4Kidz** to help raise money during the holy month of Ramadan—if you want to collect some donations. Please **do NOT** return the donation boxes that are being sent home today before **Monday 23rd March (after Eid)**. Every child who returns a box will get a small goody bag to say thank you!

Have a great half term holiday everyone, stay safe!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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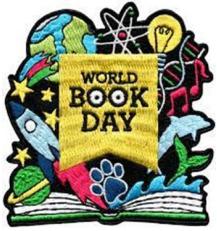


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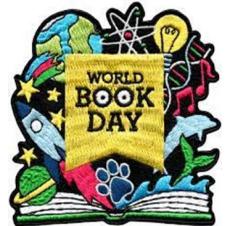
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World Book Day



We have a number of activities planned for the children in school, but we also have activities you can join in at home with your child. Carry on reading to find out all about what we have planned for World Book Day!

Homework project

We would like you to work with your child over the next few weeks to create a 3D model of a significant object or character from a book they have read. Below are examples of projects from previous years. You will find some of the projects displayed in our school's reception area. The **deadline** for all projects to be brought into class is **Friday 6th March 2026**. All entrants will receive a certificate and a prize. Winners will be invited to a celebration assembly.



National Book Token Design Competition!

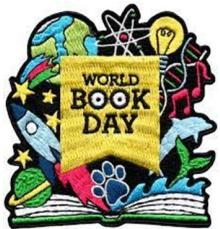
Children of all ages can get creative and **design their own fabulous book token inspired by their reading**. The winning entrants will receive **HUNDREDS** of pounds worth of National Book Tokens for their schools and themselves. **PLUS** the **overall winner will get a £10 National Book Token in their winning design for every child in their class**. and the opportunity to spend them in a visit to a local bookshop!



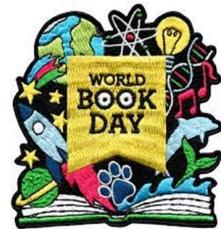
HOW TO ENTER

All children will receive an A4 template to design their token in school. If your child would like to design a book token at home, they can request a template sheet from their class teacher. This year's theme is 'Go All In'. Every reader is different, and there's no right or wrong way to enjoy reading. Encourage children to think about what reading looks like for them, and what it can look like for others.

The closing date for entries to be handed to Mrs Mazar (Assistant Headteacher) is **Friday 6th March 2026**. **Winners will be announced in May 2026**.



World Book Day



Dressing up as your favourite book character, on Friday 6th March 2026.

Children and staff are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character from a book they have read. There is no expectation to purchase a costume. We would love to see what you can create from items you have at home already! Here are some of our teachers and children dressed up as their favorite book character from last year.



KOrky Paul – Illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur

EXCITING NEWS! We have KOrky Paul the illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur coming back to Thornton this year to work with our **Year 3 children and their parents.**



The Parent Workshop is now at full capacity.

Places have been allocated on a first come first serve basis. Parents who have secured a place for the workshop have received a letter of confirmation.

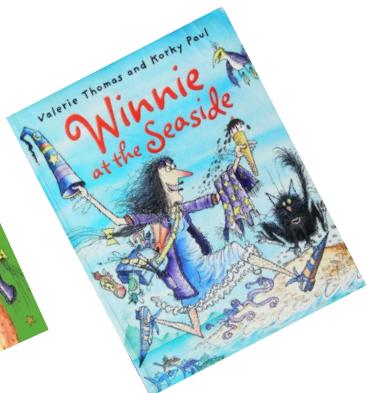
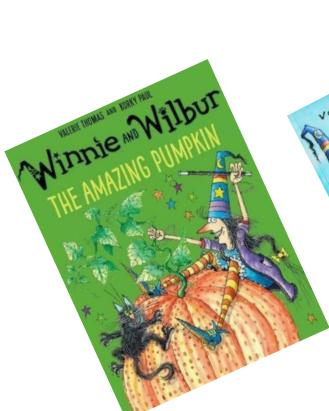
Please come to the reception office on

Thursday 12th March, at 9.00am-10am and you will be signed in.



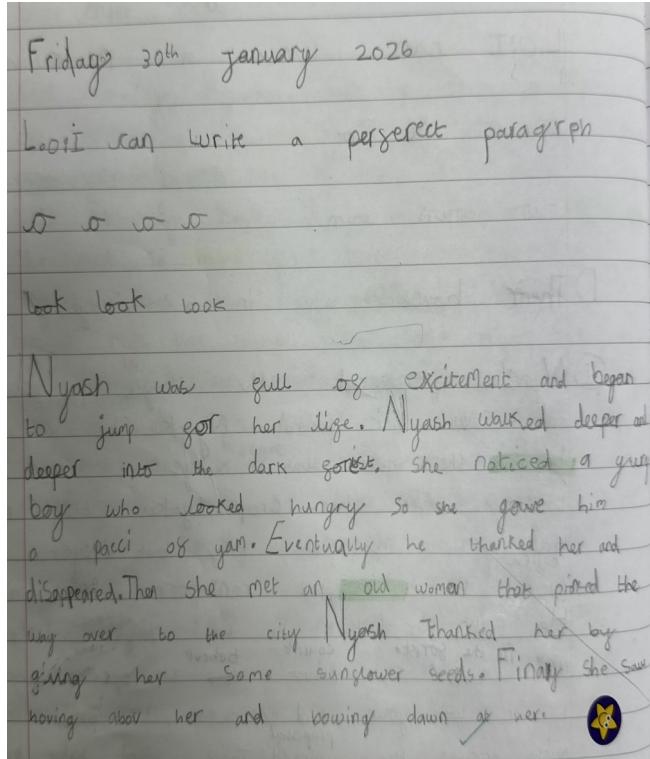
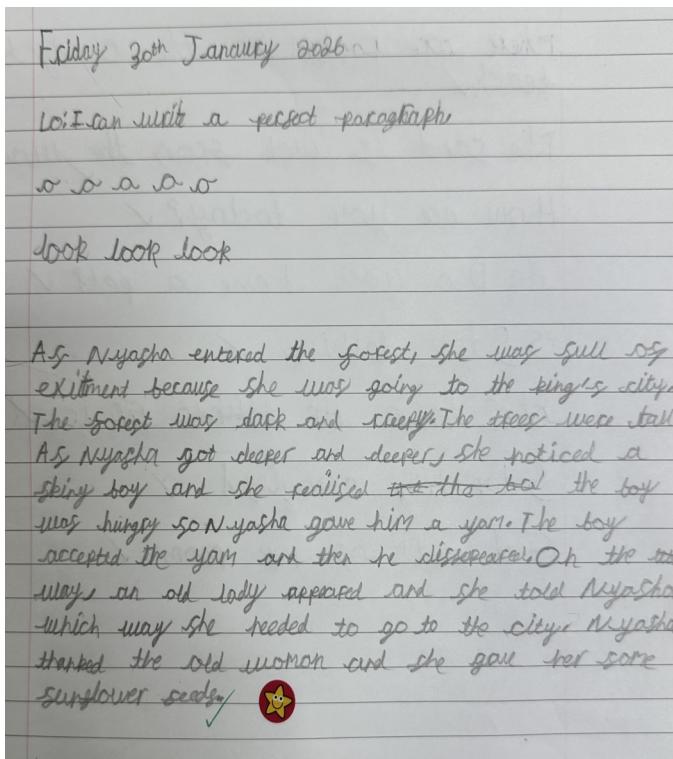
Learn all about KOrky Paul ahead of his visit by exploring his website:

<https://www.korkypaul.com/>



Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying their work on **Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters**. After retelling the story, the children produced a perfect paragraph, proudly demonstrating beautiful handwriting, strong vocabulary and correct punctuation. They showed great care and concentration in their writing, taking pride in presenting their work to a high standard and developing their storytelling skills.



Year 4

This week in year 4 Mr Ryall stood in the assembly hall and captured everyone's attention!

Imagine you were a **Roman soldier** marching into Britain nearly 2,000 years ago! This was his hook to start the Romans topic.

He told us that the Romans invaded Britain in AD 43 and built straight roads, strong bridges and forts to control the land.

We learned that Roman soldiers lived in forts and wore armour, and that they brought things like baths, new foods and towns to Britain.

Mr Ryall's exciting hook made everyone want to find out more about how the Romans changed Britain. Now we are looking forward to starting our new topic and we have some great facts to start with!



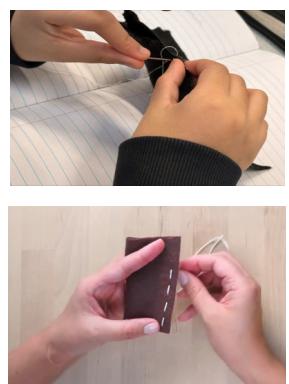
Year 5

This week, in preparation of making our own pouches and pockets (for securing smaller items) in our D.T. lessons, we used our lesson time this week to **practice a range of different stitches**. We reminisced and built on our learning in Year Three when we made our Christmas tree decorations to revise how to thread a needle and perform a running stitch. When we felt confident, we explored the usefulness and difficulties with more complex stitch patterns, such as back-stitching or a blanket stitch.

Along with some examples of our attempts, we've attached a QR code to a really helpful tutorial video for if you wanted to try it for yourself!



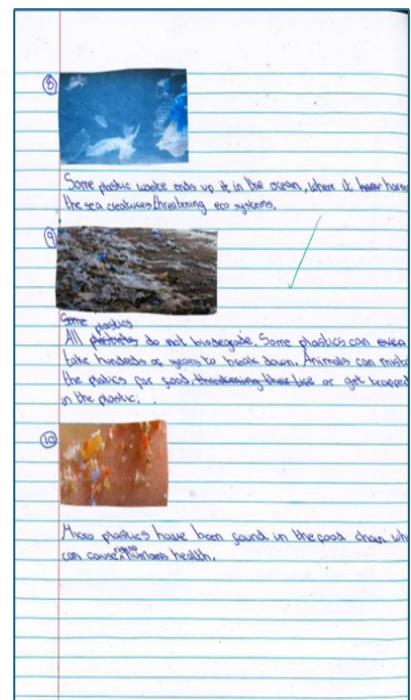
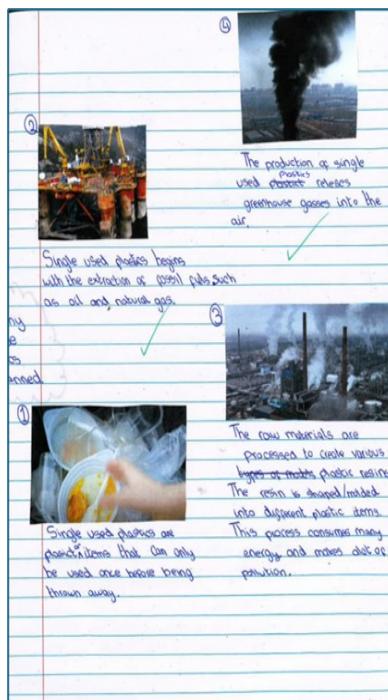
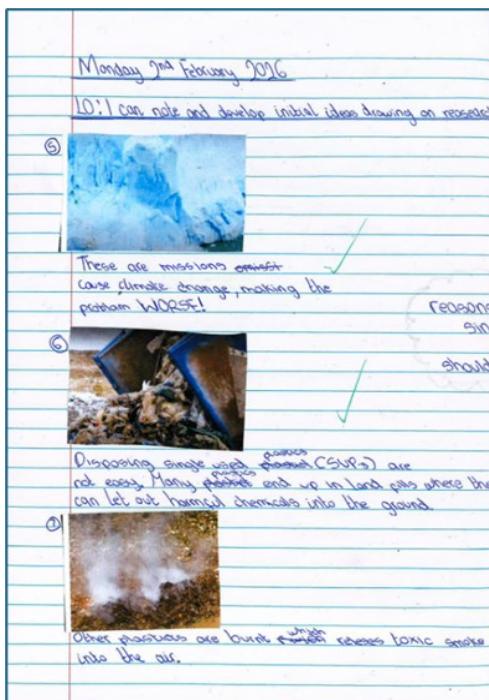
Basic Stitching for Kids Video - watchkin.com/ce3e240a40



Year 6

In our writing lessons in Year 6, **we are working on a persuasive text**. Year 6 must persuade Mrs. Grace and the eco councillors that all plastics should be banned in school! The children had to watch a video and produce some research on why plastic is bad for the environment. The children had to match the pictures to the notes in the video.

Plastics are harmful, this is because when plastic is being produced, it takes a lot of energy to burn the fossil fuels to make it. This can produce a great deal of pollution, and it can release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. This causes climate change.



School Attendance

Golden Ticket Initiative

Our school attendance last week was 93.4%

How does the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

All the pupils have an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** which earns them an amazing and fun attendance treat later in the term!

- Spring Term Silver Award** – Pupils need to achieve **98%** and above to qualify. More details of the reward will follow next term

We want to make sure all our pupils have every opportunity to succeed and enjoy their time at Thornton. The children are much happier and settled if they attend school every day consistently without taking any days off. **Good attendance will ensure that your child can reach their full potential.**

Absence disrupts the education of not only your child but the whole class. Thank you in advance for working in partnership with us to make every day count in your child's education. The table below shows just how much a child with low attendance may miss:

PE TIMETABLE

Attendance for academic year	Number of days absent	Approximate number of weeks absent	Number of lessons missed
90%	19 days	3.8 weeks	95 lessons
80%	38 days	7.6 weeks	190 lessons
70%	57 days	11.4 weeks	285 lessons

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!

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DINE
WITH MIQUILL

WEEK THREE

DINE
Main
Vegetarian
Allergy Free
Sides
DINE
Dessert STOP

Comfort	Italian	Roast	Around the World	F&G 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 crudités are also available				
Apple Flapjack	Sprinkle Sponge & Custard	Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Lemon Cheesecake	Ginger Cookie

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

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

MIQUILL