



Hello everyone

A very warm '**Eid Mubarak**' to all our families who are celebrating Eid - May you be blessed with kindness, patience, and love. We are looking forward to celebrating Eid as a school on Friday 21st May, when we would encourage everyone to come to school in their party clothes!



Hopefully, you will have had chance to read the joint e-safety letter sent to you from both Sladefield Infant School and Thornton Primary School this week. If not, there is a copy on the front page of the school website, near the bottom of the page. The letter explained the importance of supporting your child/ren in the safe use of Roblox if this is something they have access to at home.

We are busy helping **Sladefield's Year 2** children have a positive transition to Thornton. We have already arranged for a few staff to visit Sladefield to share lots of information about our school and answer the children's questions. We have also planned a visit for the Year 2 children next half term to meet their new teachers, have a tour of the school and some playtime. There is a special page on our school website for both Year 2 children and their parents to help share lots of information before they join us in September.



**Year 6 transition** to secondary school is also something we are currently supporting. This year, the Local Authority has asked all primary schools to provide secondary schools with two sets of information. At the end of this month, we will be sharing pastoral information about our Year 6 children, and by the beginning of July we will also be sharing

academic information based on Teacher Assessments. As we have already informed you, there are no Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) this academic year: the children will receive Teacher Assessments based on their ongoing academic performance in class.

And finally, this week we have had a big, positive focus on Mental Health Awareness Week - Connecting with Nature. Please check out our school Twitter account to see what we've been up to, as well as find out about useful websites we have signposted our #thorntonfamilies to.

**Have a great weekend everyone!**

**Cathy Grace, Headteacher**

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## Mental Health Week



This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme is **Connect with Nature**. Click the link or the QR code to watch and information video: Mental Health Awareness Week 2021 .



Children have had opportunities to 'Connect with Nature' and raise awareness of mental health and well-being.

During Mental Health Awareness Week, we are being encouraged to do three things:

**Experience nature:** take time to recognise and grow your connection with nature during the week. Take a moment to notice and celebrate nature in your daily life. You might be surprised by what you notice!

**Share nature:** take a photo, video or sound recording and share the connections you've made during the week, to inspire others (**share on the school Twitter account @Thmton0wls**).

**Talk about nature:** use our tips, school packs, research and policy guides to discuss in your family, school, workplace and community how you help encourage people to find new ways to connect with nature in your local environment.










**EVERY CHILD HAS  
THE RIGHT TO  
GOOD HEALTH &  
PROPER NUTRITION**



**When health is referred to it means mental health and well being as well as physical health.**

Spending time in green space or bringing nature into your everyday life can benefit both your mental and physical wellbeing. For example, doing things like growing food or flowers, exercising outdoors or being around animals can have lots of positive effects.

**How many of the activities and ideas in the grid below can you complete?**

<p>Walking: Going outside for a 15-minute walk is probably the easiest form of exercise. Talk a walk around the school field.</p> 	<p>Water painting: Get a pot of water and a brush and paint your worries on the playground. Watch them melt away. Or simply create a work of art.</p> 	<p>Bubble relaxation: Get a bubble pot or mix washing liquid with water. Gently blow the bubbles and watch them drift off into nature.</p> 
<p>Gardening: Plant some sunflowers. These cheerful flowers track the sun each day.</p> 	<p>Bring nature indoors: Have some class plants to nurture and water each day. Plants give out oxygen and this adds oxygen to your room.</p> 	<p>Andy Goldsworthy art: Get creative with natural materials and make a picture.</p> 
<p>Talking Tokens: Spark a debate. Everyone collects a handheld natural object. Start a debate/open ended question. You can only speak when you add your token to the circle.</p> 	<p>Bug hotel: Build a shelter for the insects using natural materials.</p> 	<p>Pebble Power: Make a tower of pebbles (a cairn). How many pebbles can you balance before it collapses? Which are the best pebbles to use?</p> 



## Walk to School Week is next Week – Monday 17th May – Friday 21st May



### Welcome to the five-day Walking Challenge 2021: **WALKING SUPERPOWERS**

This year's challenge will focus on the walking superpowers that benefit individuals, communities and the planet.

Each day pupils will be introduced to a brand new 'Walking Superpower' taking the form of a fun **comic-book inspired design**.

Walking has so many benefits from physical to mental wellbeing; aiding concentration and creativity and creating safer, less polluted and more welcoming streets. All that makes for a happy, healthy child set up for success in and out of the classroom.



Through the week, pupils will be introduced to the Walking Superpowers who will teach them all about these benefits and reinforce the power of walking, superhero style!

### Badge Design Competition

**TOP TIPS FOR WINNING DESIGNS:**

- Be big, bold and colourful!
- Diversity and originality are key to standing out from the crowd!
- WOW badges are only 3cm, so simple designs without small details in them work best!
- Trademarks, logos, images of Strider will not qualify for the competition
- Winning designs will be digitally recreated, so pupils can use pencil, crayons or pens

For full details about the WOW badge design competition, visit:  
[livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2021](http://livingstreets.org.uk/badgecompetition2021)

**SUSTAINABILITY**  
Our WOW badges are:

- ☒ MADE IN THE UK
- ☒ RECYCLABLE
- ☒ MADE FROM REPURPOSED MATERIAL

FIND OUT MORE:  
[livingstreets.org.uk/recycling](http://livingstreets.org.uk/recycling)

**CLOSING DATE**  
**FRIDAY 28 MAY 2021**

We are Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking.

There is also a badge design competition for the pupils to take part in. The theme is: Walk for the World - this will focus on the sustainability benefits of walking, highlighting how local actions can have positive global impacts. Pupils will be asked to consider the contribution that traffic pollution makes to carbon emissions. All details about the competition can be found here: [Badge design competition 2021 | Living Streets](#)

**Closing date is 28th May 2021.**



**Please ask your teacher for the template if you want to enter this competition.**

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**([livingstreets.org.uk](http://livingstreets.org.uk))** Click

on this link or the QR code to access the Family Resource

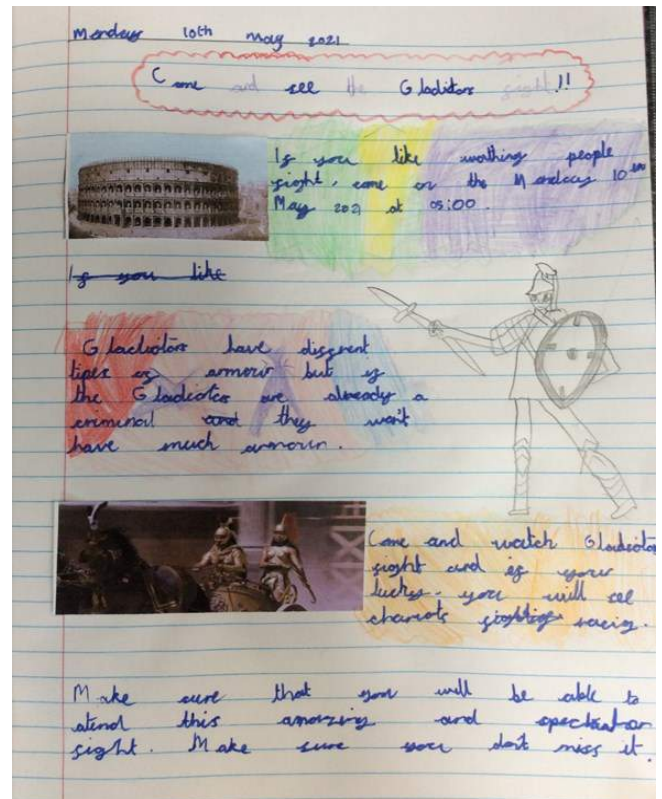
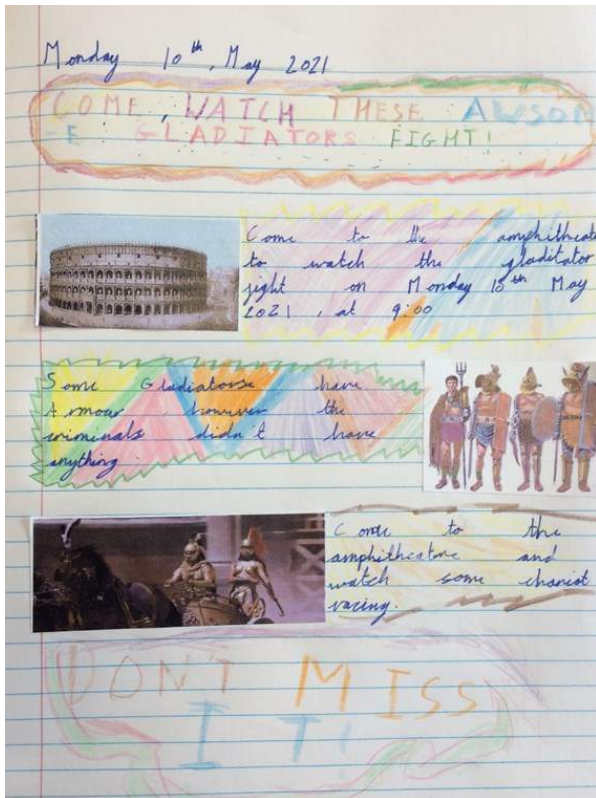
booklet full of activities and ideas that you can do on your way to or from school.





## Year 3

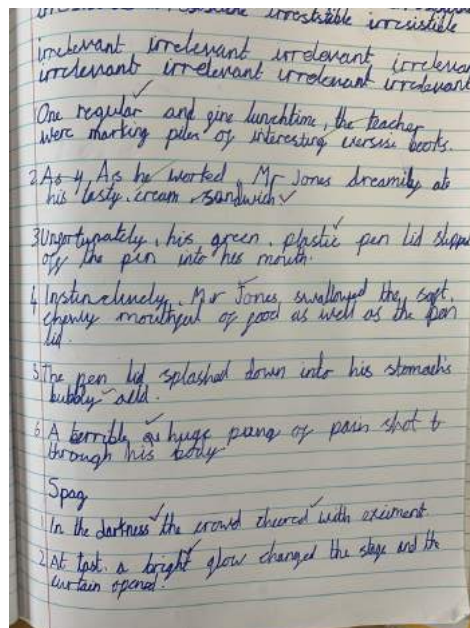
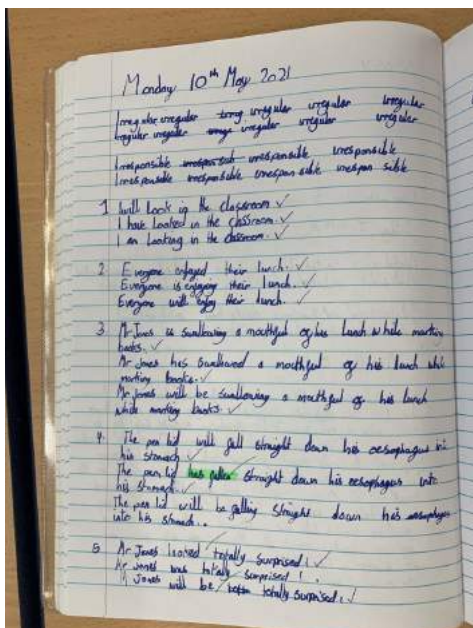
This week in Year 3, the children learnt about gladiators. They created a poster to convince people to attend a gladiator's fight.



## Year 4

Year 4 this week have begun transforming our knowledge of the human body into sentences that we can use in an adventure story. Ask your child about some of our silly stories details to support them in rehearsing their use of verb inflections, adjectives, conjunctions and adverbs. Your child will know all about the digestive system and may even be able to show off their knowledge by constructing similar sentences.

## My Digestive System

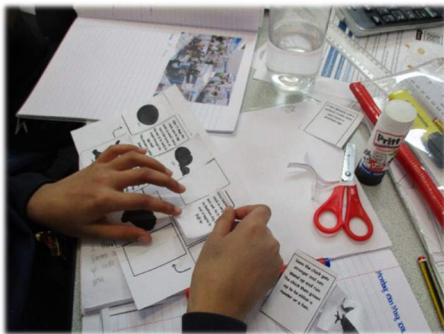
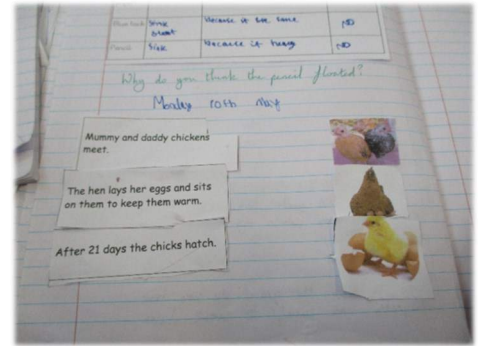




## Year 5 Science

We have been studying the life cycles of different living things. We have studied how the life cycles of amphibians, insects, birds and mammals are similar and different, thinking about the main stages of development in each case.

There was an interesting discussion on which came first; the chicken or the egg! (The egg won, though there were some good arguments)



## Year 6



In Year 6, we have been trying to make an impact on the environment! But we know that we have to start by looking at our community- as small steps contribute to the bigger picture. We have already taken trips to the allotment in Ward End to help tidy up and play our part. However, we are now taking it one step further! This week we have been writing letters to our local MP, Liam Byrne, to ask him for extra funding. This extra funding will help us buy more equipment, which will be vital in making the changes we need to improve the current state of our allotment. We have had to put our persuasive hats on, as we really want the extra funding to help make a difference! Making improvements to the allotment will help the community, which will then help improve the environment. It all has a knock-on effect!

Published work

Dear The Rt Hon Liam Byrne,

My name is Masud and I am a Year 6 pupil from Thornton Primary School, I come from Ward End, Birmingham. I am writing this letter to inform you about the current dire state of the allotment (it needs a lot of reorganising). Therefore, on behalf of all the pupils and staff at Thornton Primary School, I am asking for extra funds to help us redevelop the allotment. Because, as you're already aware, that if we redevelop the allotments it will impact both the community and the environment.

Currently, in Year 6 we are reading a book called 'Greening' by Leri Puzold. After reading the 'Greening' we have learnt some very important messages about the environment and nature. One of the most important messages is that if we look after nature then nature will look after us. In addition to this, it also teaches us that we have to work together and collaborate with each other. Mrs Barleycorn who is a character in the book did not recognise the benefits that nature can provide.

Eventually she understood what nature could produce. The last message is that you should respect the land. This inspires us a great deal to make a change.

Sadly, our allotment is looking unkempt. Therefore, with the extra funding we are going to buy the relevant equipment that is necessary to refurbish the allotment. With the funds that will be provided, we will buy bags of compost as the soil is looking very dry. We would also like to buy gloves because they will protect our hands while we are gardening. In addition to this, we will buy a hose because we will need equipment that will help us water the plants. Rakes, cultivators and spades are all vitally important in helping us cultivate the land as plants only grow on looked after land. Once the allotment is fully refurbished, we hope to plant a variety of vegetables; we want to plant tomatoes, potatoes and carrots.

You may be wondering what benefits the allotment may bring to our community and the environment. Firstly, if we grow fresh fruits and vegetables it will benefit the community by introducing a healthy life style. Secondly, it will decrease our carbon footprint as we will not be using vehicles to travel to a supermarket; we will be walking instead which will greatly reduce pollution. Thirdly, it will encourage us to spend more time in the fresh air and not in front of our devices. Fourthly, we will be doing a lot of physical activities to help care for the allotment such as: watering the plants and digging holes to plant the seeds. Exercise is crucial in order for us to achieve a healthy mental wellbeing.

# SCHOOL Attendance



Well done to the following classes who achieved our school Attendance target of 97% and above last week

## Year 4

4SH — 100%

## Year 6

6NI – 98.9%

6HJ –97.8%

Last week our whole school  
attendance was: 93.1%

## 100% Class Attendance Weekly Reward

**WOW A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to 4SH for achieving 100% class attendance 2 weeks in a row !**

Mrs Biddle Rawbone did a surprise visit to the class and awarded them a £25 voucher to spend on new classrooms resources. Thank you all the parents for ensuring the children come to school every day and on time.



## Best Class Attendance Reward

At the end of Summer Term 1, the class with the best attendance will be rewarded with a £50 gift voucher to spend on new classroom resources or a VIP cinema experience in school.



# Good Luck Everyone!

## Article 28

Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free. Secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.





## Thornton's Virtual Gallery Winners.

During the spring term, we asked children to create artwork on the theme of "What Makes you Happy" and all of the artworks were added to a virtual gallery.

The winners from each year group won their own copy of Art A Children's Encyclopedia.

**Year 3 Winner Anah 3SQ**

**Year 4 Winner Eesa 4TW**

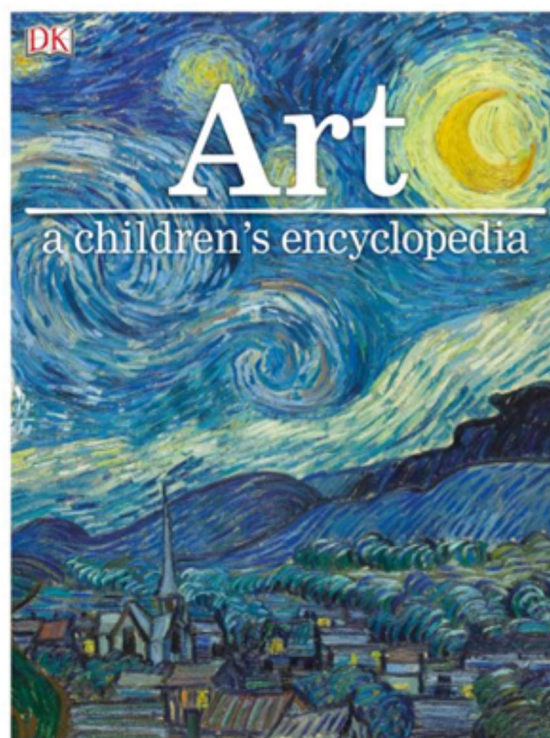
**Year 5 Winner Maira 5ZY**

**Year 6 Winner Aryaan 6HJ**

**Head Teacher Award – Hafsa 5ST**

[https://padlet.com/t\\_wareing/836nwk5ru5ykcxhb](https://padlet.com/t_wareing/836nwk5ru5ykcxhb)

Thank you all for creating artwork, please keep creating such amazing artwork!



## We are taking part in the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition.

Children aged 4- 14 years are invited to design a postage stamp.

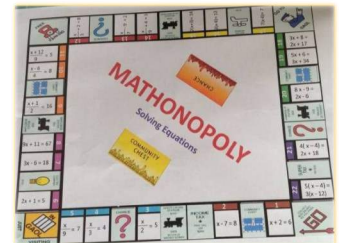
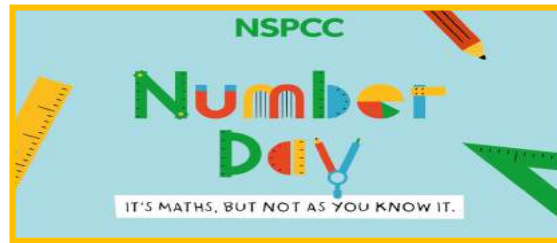
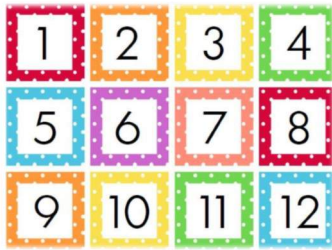
The design will be based on your hero or heroes of the coronavirus pandemic.

Eight designs nationwide will be chosen for this stamp series.

You can collect a template from your teacher. The deadline is Friday 28th May 2021. All entries must be given to your teacher before this date so we can enter them.

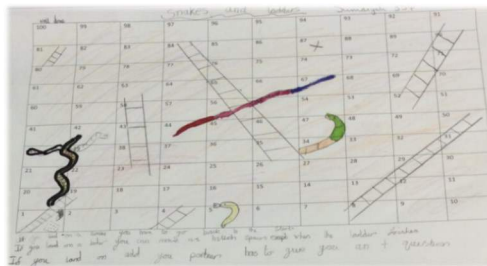
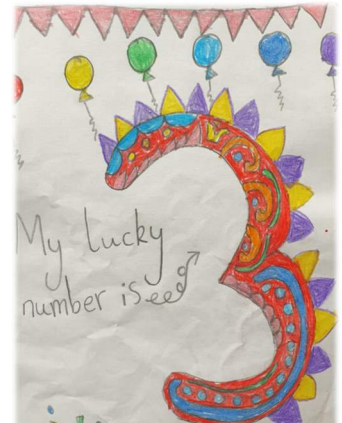
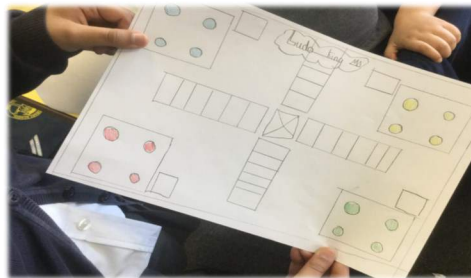
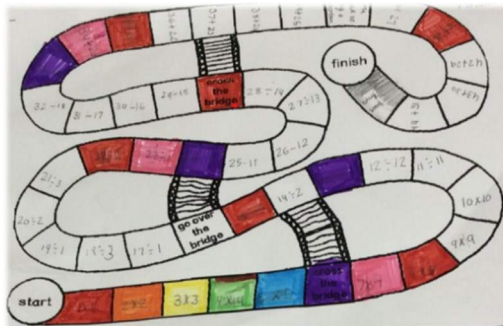
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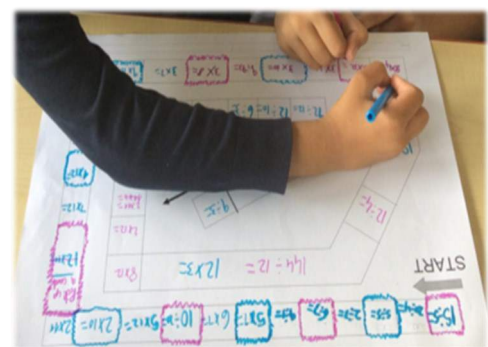


Last week, our children celebrated **NSPCC Number Day**. They enjoyed wearing the number stickers they had designed and creating their very own Maths board games. Take a look at some of the amazing number stickers and Maths board games created by our children.

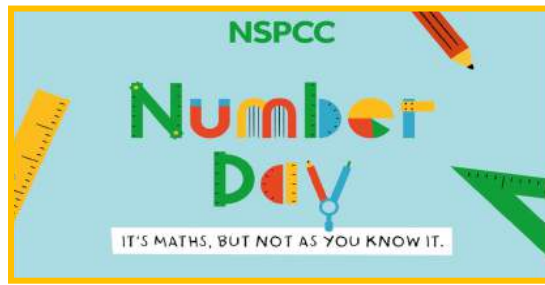
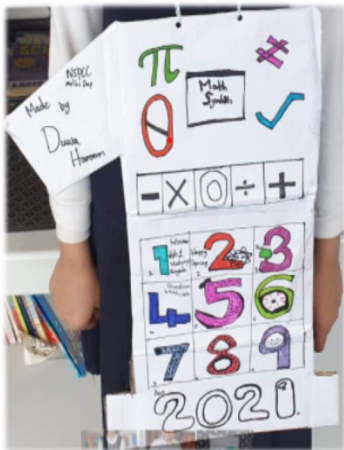
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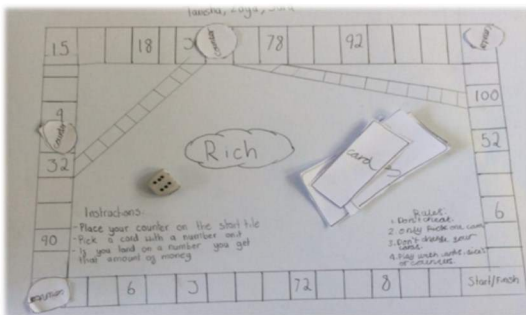
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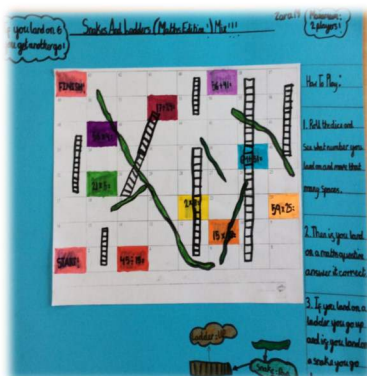
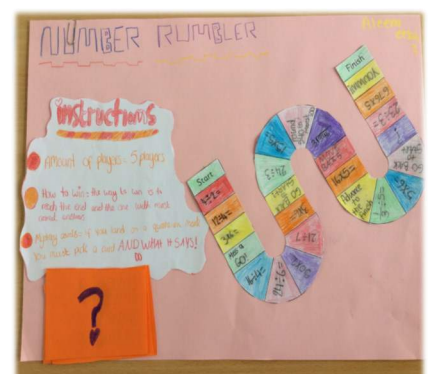




## Year 5



## Year 6



## PE TIMETABLE

Week Commencing 17/05/2021

Monday 17th May  
Year 3

Tuesday 18th May  
Year 5

Wednesday 19th May  
Year 6

Thursday 20th May  
Year 4

## Term Dates

### Summer Term 1 2021

Term Ends: Friday 28 May 2021

### May Half Term Holiday

Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

### Summer Term 2 2021

Term Starts: Monday 7 June 2021

Term Ends: Tuesday 20 July 2021

Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 21 July 2021



## 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 Miss Pegg.

Thank you for your support.



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

## School Meals

If you would like to change your child's meal option mid term, please remember this can only be changed at the start of each term. **You must contact the school office prior to doing so.**

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 .

**Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.**

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

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