

Hello everyone

Firstly, let me **thank you for making sure the children arrive in school by 8.45am every morning.** This is really helping everyone to have great attendance and punctuality - two important areas of school life that we love to celebrate and reward the children for. Don't forget, the gates open at 8.30am so that the children can take advantage of additional learning opportunities in class! As a result of our work with 'Magic Breakfast', we also make sure that every child can have a free breakfast bagel in class at the start of the day if they choose to. This is a great way to make sure everyone is at their best so they are ready to learn.



Congratulations to our Year 6 children who displayed excellent sportsmanship when they played football yesterday afternoon at Mapledene Primary School. We are really proud of them and are looking forward to Thornton being involved in many more outdoor sporting events this year.

A big well done also to the Year 4 children who were invited to go on an outdoor 'Forest School Experience' held at the Blue Coat School yesterday. I received a lovely email from them afterwards telling me the children 'were so well behaved, polite, unbelievably energetic about the day and were honestly a credit to Thornton'. Please make sure you have a look in next week's newsletter to find out more about what the children got up to during this special experience!



This week, I have two reminders for you:



1. **Our first 'Outdoor Coffee Morning' for parents/carers is being held on Tuesday 5th October at 9am in the outdoor classroom** (St. Agatha's Road playground)

2. **Your first 'Virtual Parents' Evening (video link) can now be booked on either Wednesday 6th October (4-5.30pm) or Wednesday 13th October (4-5.30pm).** A letter and parent guide was sent home about this yesterday, and parent guides have also been put on your child's Google Class stream to help you book your appointment easily.

Finally, please can you make sure your child wears a waterproof coat to keep them warm and dry - don't forget to make sure it's labelled with your child's name so we can return it quickly should it get misplaced in school! Thank you.



Have a great weekend!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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## School Attendance

We are pleased to announce we will be continuing to use the **Class Attendance Reward** as it was a great success last academic year to help improve the whole school attendance. The classes who achieve the target of 97% and above will receive a certificate.



### 100% Class Attendance Weekly Reward

Classes who achieve 100% will be rewarded with a £25 gift voucher for the whole class.

### Best Class Attendance Reward

At the end of Autumn Term 2 (December), the class with the best attendance will be rewarded with a £50 gift voucher to spend on a VIP experience in school or new classroom resources of their choosing!

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

3DR

4GJ

5BA

5TR

Our whole school attendance for last week was **95.4%**

## Golden Ticket Initiative

### How will the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

Thornton Primary School will be introducing the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative again this academic year for all pupils. Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat!

**Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 97% above to qualify**

**Spring Term Silver Award – Pupils need to achieve 98% above to qualify**

**Summer Term Gold Award – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the for the whole academic year to qualify.**






**Good Luck Everyone!**

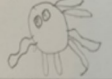




## Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been learning all about different animals that existed in the Stone Age. We researched a variety of animals and recorded our findings. We also read a book called Woolly Mammoth and explored how animals were hunted and used to make items such as clothing and tools.

Woolly mammoth	Woolly mammoth	Mastodon
		
What does it look like? A hairy elephant with white shaggy fur and tusks.	What does it look like? They had strong bodies and legs and they could camouflage.	What does it look like? They were 30-40 feet tall and had a trunk. They had thick fur.
What did it eat? Mostly grass, plants, old carrots and eggs. They are herbivores.	What did it eat? It is a carnivore. It ate meat and meat.	What did it eat? Mostly grass, plants and flowers and veggie. They are herbivores.
Any other interesting facts? Mammoths die by using their trunk to pick up sand.	Any other interesting facts? They were ambush predators.	Any other interesting facts? Bones did not have tusks.



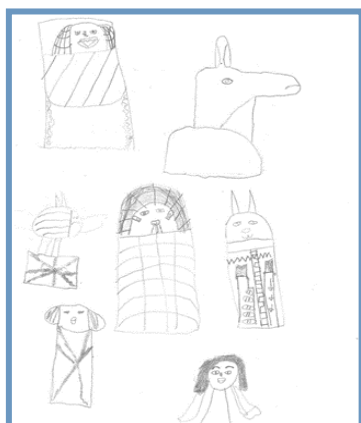
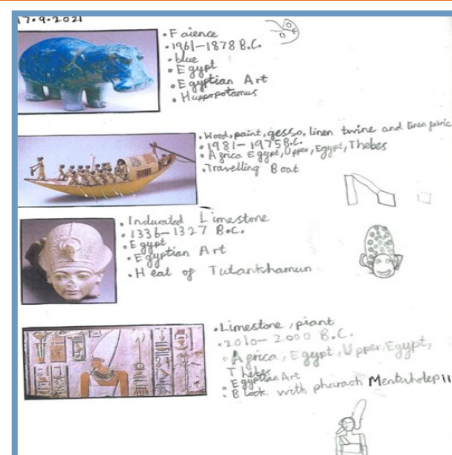
Woolly mammoth	Woolly mammoth	Woolly mammoth
		
What does it look like? A hairy elephant with thick, shaggy fur and tusks.	What does it look like? They had short legs and they could camouflage.	What does it look like? They were 30-40 feet tall but smaller than a mammoth. They had thick fur.
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## YEAR 4

In Year 4, the children have been researching and creating observational drawings of ancient Egyptian artefacts so they can create their own sculptures inspired by them. They conducted independent research before looking closely at the different shapes and lines to create fantastic drawings!

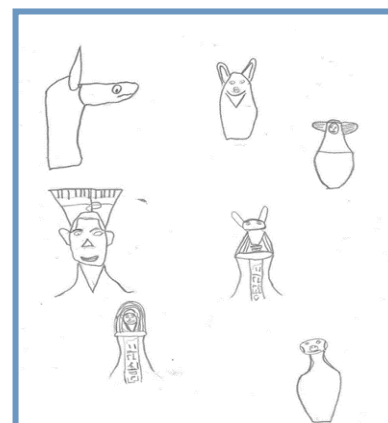
Keep a look out for a virtual gallery of their final sculptures in the next few weeks!



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Haala 4TW

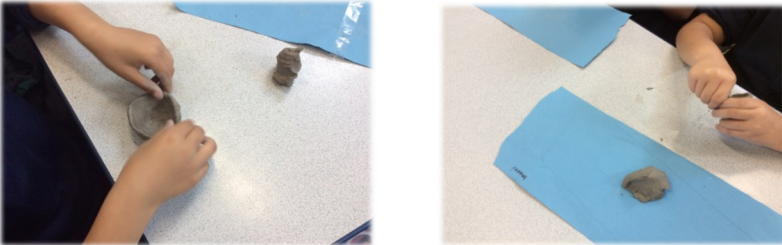
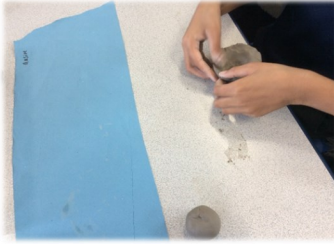
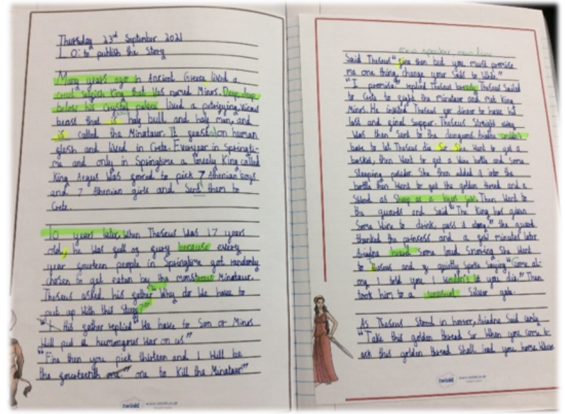
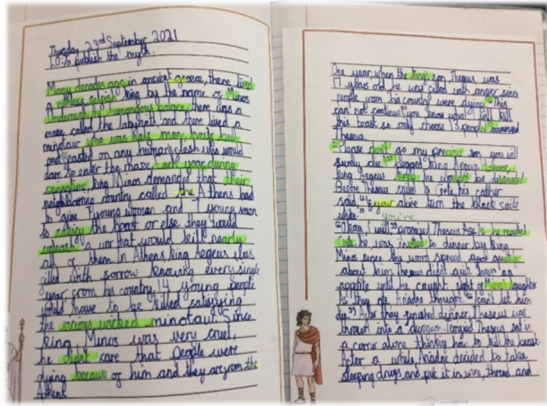


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## YEAR 5

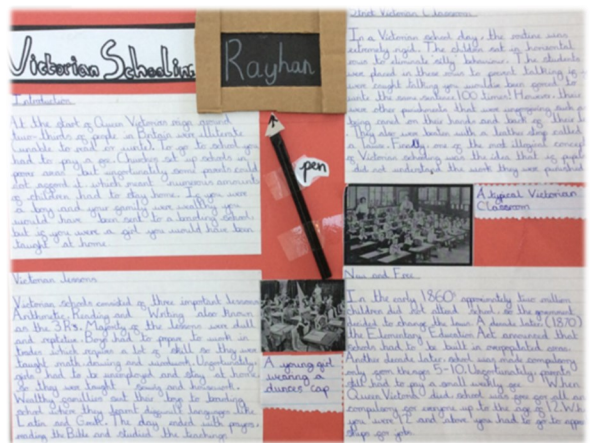
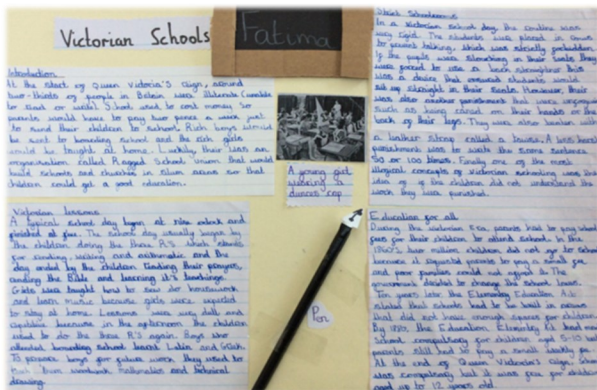
Year 5 are learning about Ancient Greeks. In English, they wrote some fantastic myths based on the Greek myth 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. In DT, they had great fun making a kylix. The children can also tell you a lot of facts about the Ancient Greeks. Try asking them!



## Year 6

Year 6 have been incredibly busy writing their non-chronological reports about the Victorian classroom. To ensure their report informed their audience, the children first had to carry out research. They completed a task called the Fox's Thinking Tool which enabled them to become the expert in a particular area. The children were then able to share their understanding with the rest of the class which in turn informed their writing. Their report included four areas: The schools the Victorian children attended, Victorian lessons, Victorian punishments and Changes to the Law which resulted in free education for all.

Here are some fantastic examples!



## Coffee Morning

Thornton will be holding out first outdoor parents' Coffee Morning in our outdoor Classroom (St. Agatha's Road playground) on **Tuesday 5th October 9-10 am.**

Come and joins us for coffee and a chat as we are really looking forward to seeing you, especially our new Year 3 parents!



## Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2022

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2022 are now live on the following website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions>

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.



## Reporting Absence to school

If your child is absent from school please call 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 the school nurse please request a call back from the nurse.

Thank you for your support.

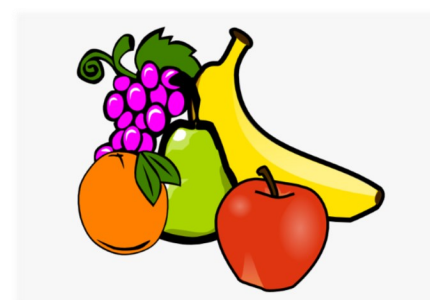
**Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824 our lines open from 8am .**



## 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 to give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime! Thank you.**



## Parent Pay

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance Via Parent Pay.

Dinner money is **£2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.** Breakfast Club is **£1 per day and 50p for any siblings.** After school club is **£2 per day and £1 for any siblings.**

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast, Afterschool clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week .





# *The Last Taste of Summer*

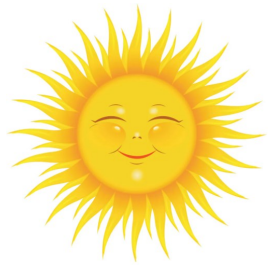
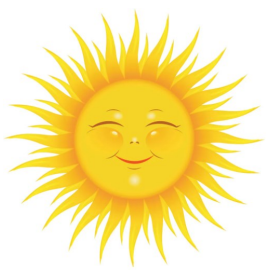
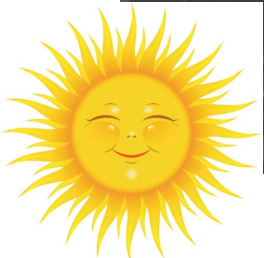
***Thursday 7th October***

**Shish Kebab with naan  
or  
Veggie Samosa with naan**

**Served with raita, and salad  
garnish**

**Jacket potato & fillings,  
cheese or tuna sandwiches**

**Brownie or Fruit Platter**



## PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 4th October**  
**Year 3**

**Tuesday 5th October**  
**Year 5**

**Wednesday 6th October**  
**Year 4**

**Thursday 7th October**  
**Year 6**

### Safeguarding

If you have recently relocated outside of the area and are looking for a school closer to home, it is very important that you complete an In Year Transfer form. You can get this form from the school office, and this must be signed by the Headteacher.

Please can you keep school informed when you are offered a place at another school.



## ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022



### Autumn Term 1 Dates 2021

Teaching Training Day: Thursday 2nd September 2021  
Teaching Training Day: Friday 3rd September 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 6th September 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 22nd October 2021**

**Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October**

### Autumn Term 2 Dates 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 1st November 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 17th December 2021**

**Christmas holiday: Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January**

### Spring Term 1 Dates 2022

Teaching Training Day: **Tuesday 4th January 2022**

Term Starts: **Wednesday 5th January 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 18th February 2022**

**Half Term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February**

### Spring Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 28th February 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 8th April 2022**

**Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April**

### Summer Term 1 Dates 2022

Teaching Training Day: **Monday 25th April 2022**

Term Starts: **Tuesday 26th April 2022**

Teaching Training Day: **Thursday 5th May 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 27th May 2022**

**Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June**

### Summer Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June 2022**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July 2022**

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