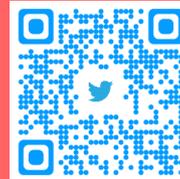




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Hello everyone

This week has been a fun week back after the half term holiday with everyone starting new topics and sharing their brilliant **creative homework**. There are lots of examples on the school's Twitter account that we are super proud of so please take a look!

Well done to our **Year 3/4 football team** who attended the West Brom annual football festival the children had a fantastic day playing some wonderful football and was an absolute pleasure to watch.



We have also begun our trips to **Ward End Library** this half term as we continue to share a love of reading with all the children. Two classes from Year 3 enjoyed listening to a story read to them by the librarian as well as exploring all the books they could borrow in the library. Next week, sees the start of Year 4 visits, with everyone having the chance to go before we begin our summer holiday.



Congratulations to  
Thornton Primary School

**GREEN ACTION TAKERS  
HIGHLY COMMENDED 2022**  
FOR THEIR PROJECT  
'Project Allotment'

  
Peter Littlewood  
Director, Young People's Trust for the Environment



Our fantastic **School Councillors turned food critics for the day** on Thursday and did an amazing job! They asked some probing questions and sampled a few dishes from each of the 3 new catering companies and then passed judgement! We look forward to letting you know soon which company will be providing our new halal school meals from September and sharing the menus with you.



**Congratulations to Mrs Bibi, our Global Citizen Lead**, on winning 'Highly Commended' for her '**Project Allotment**' entry into a competition run by Primary Awards for Green Education in Schools! Mrs Bibi showcased all the environmental work that she and the children have been working so hard on to support the school's allotment. Well done and thank you to all involved!

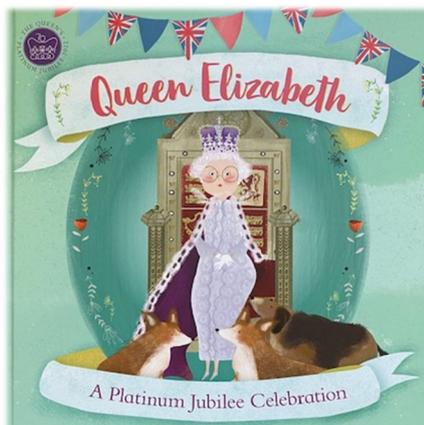
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Looking back to our **Platinum Jubilee party** on Friday 27th May, I want to say a BIG thank you to everyone in our #thorntonfamily for making it such a special and memorable day! The sun shone brightly down on us as we chatted and picnicked, creating the perfect conditions for jelly and ice cream and a rousing rendition of the National Anthem! There were lots of smiles, laughter and the makings of happy memories. The children also enjoyed exploring their new Platinum Jubilee books and having their own souvenir coin. Here are a few pictures that capture a very special Thornton moment...



Looking forward, we will be holding our **face to face Parents' evening** over two sessions after school this term. You can book an appointment for either **Wednesday 29th June** or **Wednesday 6th July**. Please check your email at the start of next week to book your time slot with your child's class teacher. Thank you.

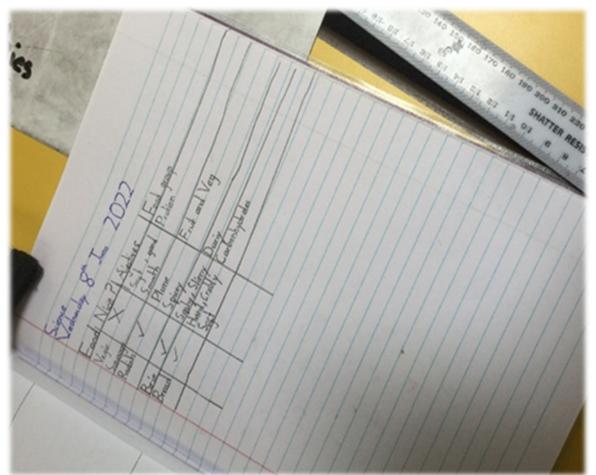
Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



## Year 3

In Year 3, our new topic is Scrumdiddlyumptious! It sounds as tasty as it is! This week, we have tasted lots of different types of food from the different food groups. Some examples of the food we had were brie (cheese), baguette, radishes, pepper and some delicious yoghurt called Kvarg that the pupils loved! It was really fun to explore the different foods and try something they hadn't tried before.



## Year 4

To start our new topic 'Road Trip USA, the children in year 4 took part in a scavenger hunt to find information about the states of America.

The children worked collaboratively to read, retrieve and record key facts. Then they discussed their new knowledge with their peers.



Below is an example of a clue card the children had to look for.



**1. Maine**  
Eastport, Maine is the first American city to see the rays of the morning sun.

twinkl.com



## Year 5

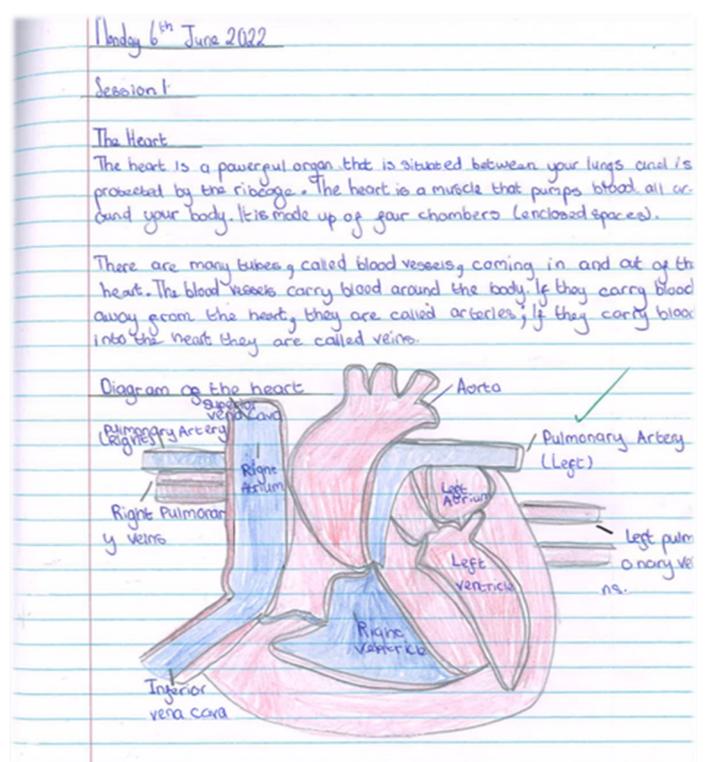
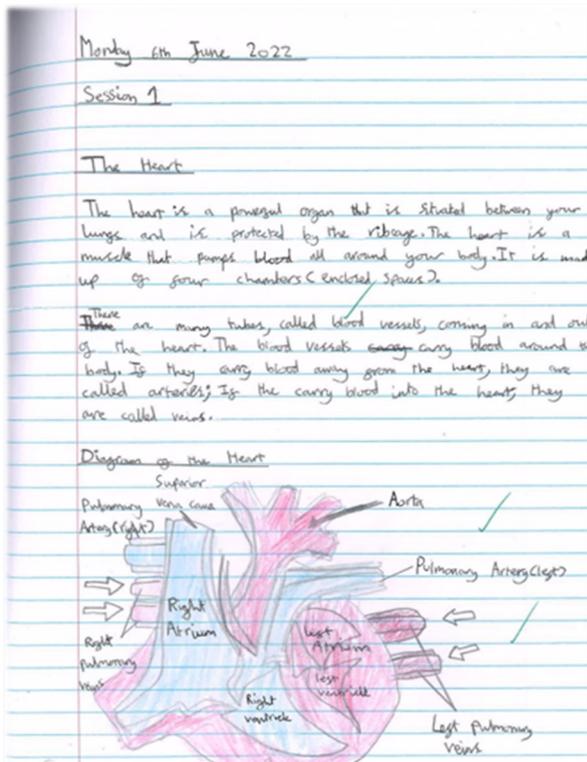


This half term, Year 5's topic is All About Allotments. This week we have researched allotments in our Reading and Writing lesson to become 'experts' and will be using this information to write our own information text about allotments. We have also learned about the different parts of flowers and have completed some amazing drawings of a lily flower. To further our understanding of how plants grow, we have planted cress seeds and will be observing the best conditions for the seeds to germinate.



## Year 6

This week, in Science, Year 6 have been looking at the circulatory system; this links to the topic of 'Keep it Pumping.' They watched a video, which gave them a virtual tour of the heart. The children learnt about the different chambers of the heart. The heart is the most powerful and most important organ in your body, as it is responsible for pumping the blood around your body. The children had to draw and label different parts of the heart. Did you know that the veins carry blood towards the heart and the arteries carry the oxygenated blood away from the heart? Have a look at some of our work below.



## Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Ready

Respectful

Safe

### Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectations to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful and safe.

This week's word of the week is: **'poised'**

"I was poised to move somewhere." Taha (5ZY)

As Taha has demonstrated, poised, or being poised, is being ready to start or commence a task or action. At Thornton we want all our pupils to be ready to learn. This is important as it means they maximise their learning time in school, but also creates an important life habit of being prepared and ready.

## What Maya Angelou says about the importance of reading



Maya Angelou, author of 'I know why the caged bird sings', expresses the importance of reading.

**"When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young."**

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

#### Summer Term 2 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July**

#### Autumn Term 2022

**Teacher Training Day Monday 5th September**

Term Starts: **Tuesday 6th September**

Term Ends :**Friday 21st October**

**Half Term : Monday 24th October to  
Friday 28th October**

### Important Dates



#### Year 3 Urban Pioneer Trip

**3EB-Monday 13th June**

**3DR-Thursday 16th June**

**3AW-Tuesday 21st June**

**3SQ-Tuesday 28th June**

#### Blue Coat Trip

**Year 3&4 – Friday 15th July**

**Pingles Athletics Stadium**

**Year 5&6—Monday 27th June**

## School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? We are sorry but you can only change at the start of each term and not mid term. 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. ,

## 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 £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.**

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

