

The Thornton Times



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Hello everyone,

I have some wonderful news to share with you. Recently, a number of our pupils entered the **National Trust's Blooming Space Competition**. With a little help from Mrs Bibi, they created designs to help regenerate some pieces of wasteland. From the thousands of pupils that entered across the region, two of our pupils were particularly successful. Zainab's (5ST) design was selected as a **winner** and Hareem's (5TR) design was **highly commended**.

We are extremely proud of their achievement. On Tuesday, Katy Wade from the National Trust visited the school to meet the girls and present them with their certificates. Katy also shared that the school will be awarded with a tree, a workshop for the Thornton pupils who took part in the competition, and a future craft workshop for one of year groups. We look forward to sharing the outcome of these workshops with you in the coming weeks.

Next week, is set to be another busy one. Please feel free to join our **Compass parent coffee morning on Monday 19th January at 9:00am**. On **Wednesday 21st January (3:45pm - 6:15pm)**, we are also holding our **second parents'** evening of the Spring term. It was great to see so many families at this week's event, so if you haven't made an appointment yet to see your son's/daughter's teacher this term please visit <https://thorntonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk>. If you are unable to get online, or need assistance please speak to the school office. Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Mason Deputy Headteacher



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



PROTECTION FROM HARMFUL DRUGS

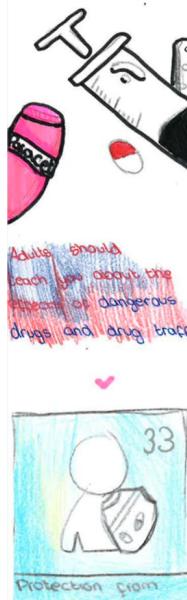
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Article 33 of the UNCRC says that children and young people have a right to be protected from harmful drugs. To be protected from drugs, children and young

people should be taught about their effects.



Insert created by: Zaynab 6HB



Protection from harmful substances. Government must make sure there are ways to respect and protect children from using illegal and harmful substances.

Children and adults have the right to be respected.

Article 33: It's very important! Governments must protect children from the illegal use of drugs and from being involved in the production or distribution of drugs.

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Year 3

Year 3 have been busy creating prints. We have been looking at [work by Claire Willberg, a contemporary artists and print maker](#). She uses traditional intaglio and relief printmaking techniques.

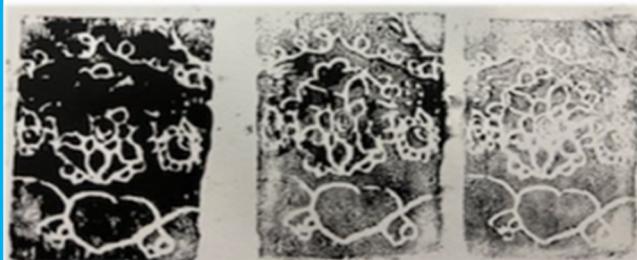
Children explored different types of lines, and the difference between **mono printing** and **press printing**. Mono printing creates a single, non-repeatable artwork by transferring ink from a smooth surface to paper. Press printing allows a print to be repeated from a surface onto paper.

Our young artists carved out their designs for each print, and rolled out ink to create some amazing printing. Check out our art work!

Press Printing



Mono Printing

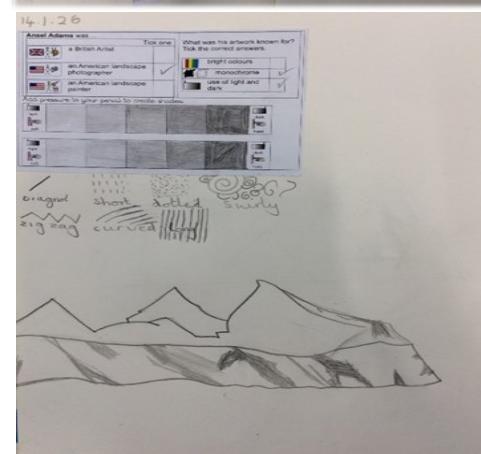
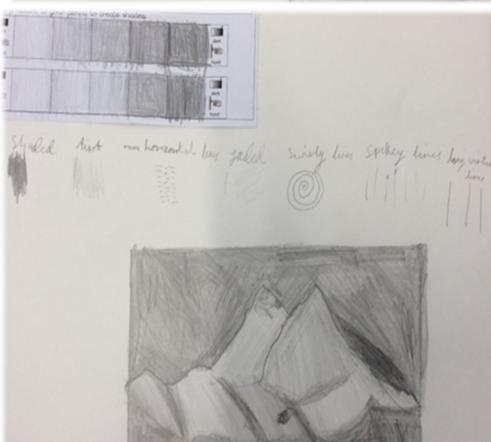
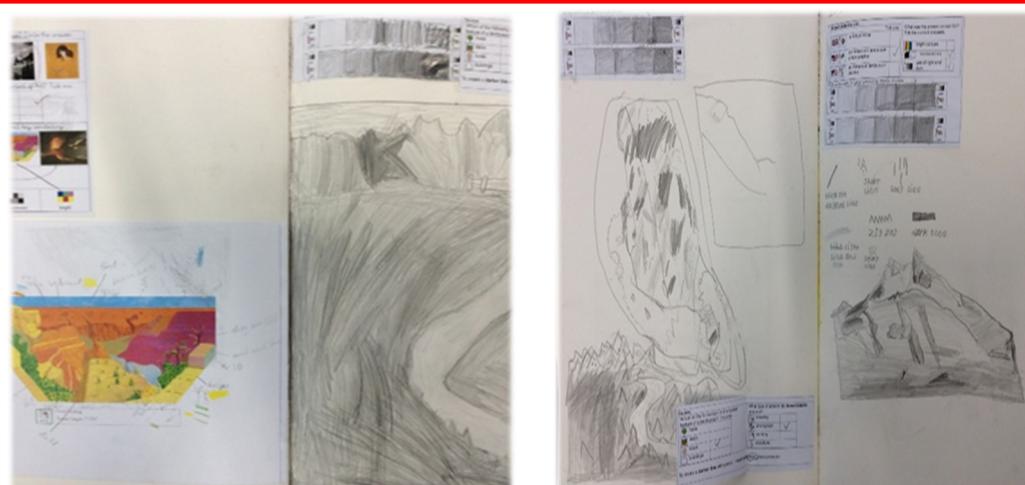


Year 4

The children in Year 4 have **been exploring line and tone to create observational drawings of mountains**.

They have looked at the work of Ansel Adams whose photographs show a contrast in light and dark. The children have practiced developing different shades.

Ibrahim from 4TW says, "I can press harder to make darker shades with a pencil."



Year 5

So far this half term in PSHE, we have been discussing **themes from a scheme of learning called Choices**.

These lessons aim to help Year 5 to increase their resilience, grow in confidence to make decisions, seek out advice, express themselves, understand and develop strategies for better-informed choices.

The year group has explored key vocabulary relating to the topics we will cover, such as 'identity,' 'ethnicity' and 'beliefs.' Along with conversations in class and activities, we will be exploring the illustrated comic book, "Marcus' Story," to compare and contrast our own values and morals to those of the main character. We're looking forward to seeing what happens next.

ASPIRATION

Artist inspire me to paint the 99 names of God

VALUES

something important to you

IDENTITY

Some people have something in common and different because everyone is unique.

BELIEF

An acceptance that something exists or is true, especially without proof.

IDENTITY

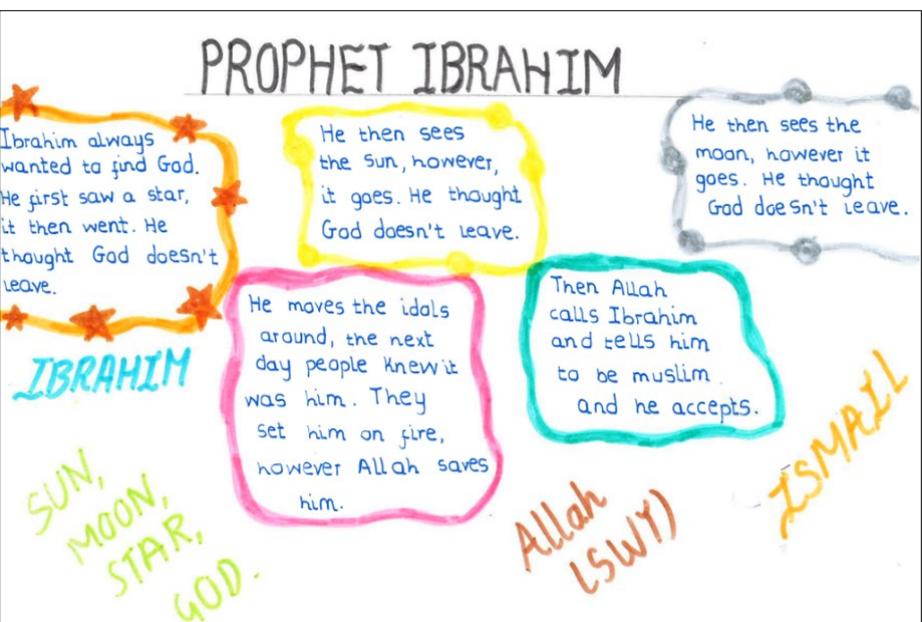
Who you are

ETHNICITY

Our nationality and religion and people who are around you.

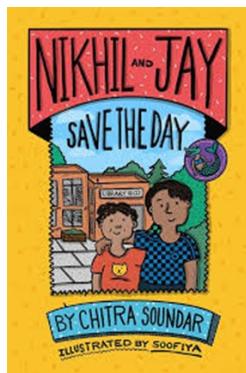
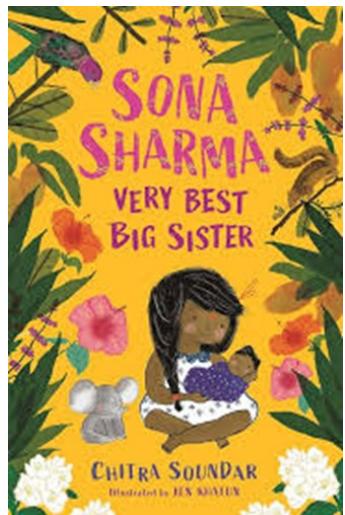
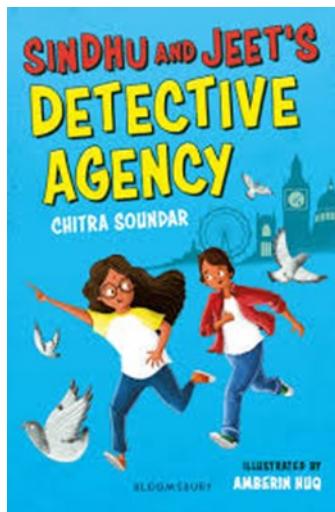
Year 6

This week in RE, **Year 6 explored the disposition Remembering Roots** by reflecting on the story of the Prophet Ibrahim. Pupils discussed why reflection is important and considered what Prophet Ibrahim himself reflected on. The class also explored how reflection can play a vital role in our own daily lives, helping us to make thoughtful choices and stay connected to our values.

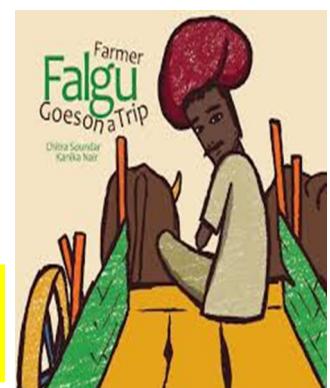


'Author of the Month'

January



Chitra Soundar



Chitra Soundar is an author who has published over 60 children's books. Her book series, Nikhil and Jay, has also been adapted into an animated programme for CBeebies.

Chitra's stories are inspired by folktales from India, Hindu mythology, and her own experience travelling the world.

When Chitra isn't writing, she spends her time touring the country to deliver exciting writing workshops to schools and literacy festivals.

Fun Facts About Chitra

Before becoming a full-time author and storyteller, Chitra worked as a computer scientist, a career that helped her develop structured work habits that she now applies to her writing.

As a child, she could read and write three languages by the age of eight: English, Tamil, and Hindi.

School Attendance

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Well Done to **3MJ** and **6NI** for achieving our school attendance target of **97%** and above for last week!

Golden Ticket Initiative

Our school attendance last week was **92.2%**

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 in the Spring Term!

More details to follow this term regarding the rearranged **Golden Ticket Bronze Award**.

This week the parents /carers received an attendance email for **the pupils who's attendance is at risk of falling below the Government's Persistent Absence threshold of 90%, and below our expected target of 97%**. We want to make sure they 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:



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

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

DINE
Main

Vegetarian

Allergy Free

Sides

DINE



Comfort Food

Chicken Pizza

Margherita Pizza

BBQ Chicken

Roasties and Sweetcorn & Peas

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Apple Flapjack

Italian

Lasagne

Veg Lasagne

Af Beef Bolognese

Garlic Slice and Green Salad

Cheesy Green Pasta

Sprinkle Sponge & Custard

Roasties

Roast Sausages

Veg Sausages

Af Roast Chicken & Gravy

Mash, Peas and Gravy

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Jacket Potato with choice of topping

Around the World

Butter Chicken

Cheese & Tomato Puff

Af "Butter" Chicken

Rice and Spiced Cauliflower

Cheesy Pasta

Lemon Cheesecake & Custard

Fish & Chips

Fish Fingers

Vegetable Fingers

Af Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Chips and Beans

Cheesy Tomato Pasta

Ginger Cookie

WEEK THREE

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

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Monday 19th January

Year 3

Tuesday 20th January

Swimming for 4TW and 4AA.

Wednesday 21st January

Year 4

Thursday 22nd January

Year 6

Friday 23rd January

Year 5

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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