

Hello everyone,

What a cold week we have had! I am delighted to see so many children coming to school dressed sensibly for the weather wearing hats, gloves and scarves. Thank you for making sure these are named so we can hand them back if they get misplaced.

This week, we are excited to launch our **harvest donation collection** to see how many things we can gather to support local charities and food banks. During assembly today, we asked the children if they could speak with you about possibly bringing in some of the following things next week to donate;

Year 3— canned food (e.g. beans, soup) Year 5— pasta, rice

Year 4— canned food (e.g. beans, soup) Year 6— toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo)

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity, we are grateful for your help in making a positive difference to the lives of others. There's nothing quite like the feeling you get from spreading kindness is there?

As we speed towards the end of a super productive term, I wanted to share a few important dates for your diary:

Friday 10th December—Christmas jumper day

Children can wear a Christmas jumper to school on top of their uniform if they wish to. We will be taking donations for the NSPCC on that day, and are grateful for any spare change you can drop into our collection buckets on the school gates at drop-off and pick-up times on Friday. Thank you.

Tuesday 14th December—Year 3 and Year 5 Christmas Dinner

Year 3 and Year 5 will be having a Christmas Dinner as a whole class in the School Hall. There will be lots of festive fun, jolly music and crackers with the usual terrible jokes!



Wednesday 15th December—Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas Dinner

Year 4 and Year 6 will be having a Christmas Dinner as a whole class in the School Hall. Again, there will be lots of festive fun, jolly music and crackers with the usual terrible jokes!

Friday 17th December—Christmas Parties

Children may bring in their OWN party food to eat on this day. As part of our risk assessment to keep everyone covid-safe, unfortunately, we will not be allowing the children to share food from home with others. In line with our policy to keep everyone safe, we must also stress that we are a nut-free school and no food containing nuts can be brought into school. Thank you for your support with this.

And finally, I am proud to share with you that we managed to raise **£118.20** for the **Anti-Bullying Alliance** charity to support anti-bullying as part of our wear odd socks day! Well done everyone, and thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay safe.

Mrs Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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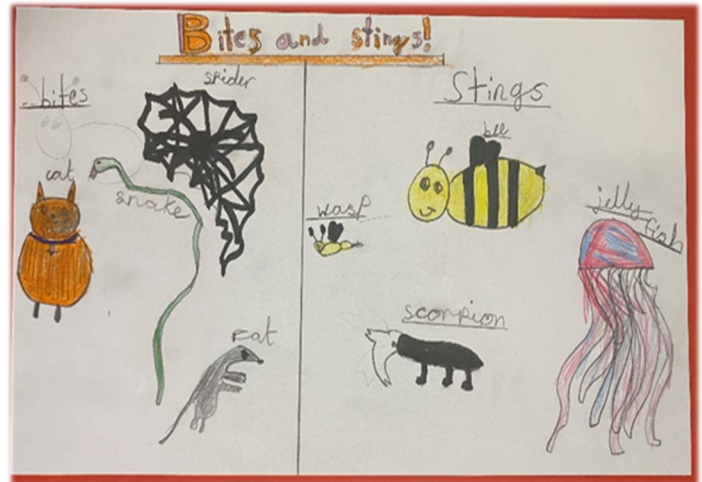
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YEAR 3

In year 3 during PSHE the focus has been awareness of **bites and stings**. Children have learnt about bites and stings and what to do if they receive one. They also talked about how to deal with allergic reactions, and some of the children who have allergies shared their experiences with their the class.

If you would like more information about how to deal with bites and stings there is information on St John's Ambulance website or www.sja.org.uk and www.asthma.org.uk.



Your turn: Treating stings

1. Reassure the casualty
 - > Help them to sit or lie down
2. Remove the sting
 - > If a sting is visible, brush or scrape it sideways with the edge of a card or your fingernail
3. Raise affected area
 - > Apply a cold compress to minimise swelling
4. Keep cold compress in place for at least 10 minutes
 - > Monitor vital signs and watch for signs of an allergic reaction e.g. wheezing and/or itchy, swollen, red skin
5. Call 999 or 112
 - > If casualty shows signs of severe allergic reaction
 - > **Remember:** Your casualty could become unresponsive. Be prepared to perform CPR



St John Ambulance

YEAR 4

This week, year 4 have been investigating **how different liquids damage the enamel on our teeth**. We worked collaboratively to set up a simple and practical experiment. We discussed and explained how we could make it a fair test and used appropriate vocabulary to make scientific predictions. Scan the QR to understand what a fair test is. Please have a look at some of our predictions. Do you agree? What do you think will happen to the egg shells after one week?



Tuesday 30th November 2021

1. I predict the coca cola substance will stain the egg shell the most because the cola is unhealthy and has alot of sugar.
2. I predict the water substance will stain the egg shell the least because it has no sugar and it's healthy.
3. I predict the egg shells covered in toothpaste will stain the least because it has flouride in it.

Independent variables we could change



Controlled variables we will keep the same



Dependent variables we could measure or observe: We are going to measure how different liquids effect the enamel on our teeth (egg shells).



We will measure or observe: We are going to observe the changes on the egg shells.

Our questions

If we change **the liquid**
what will happen to **the egg shells**?

Predictions
We think

because



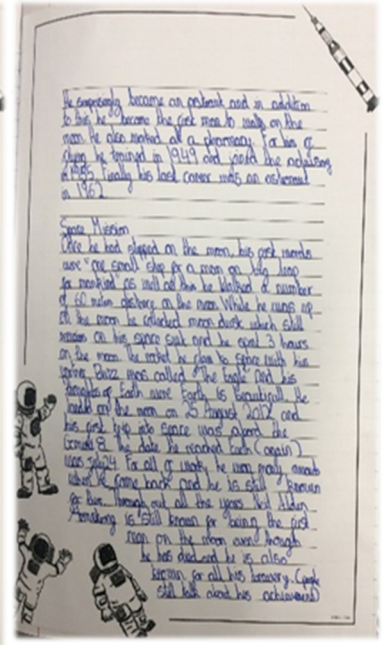
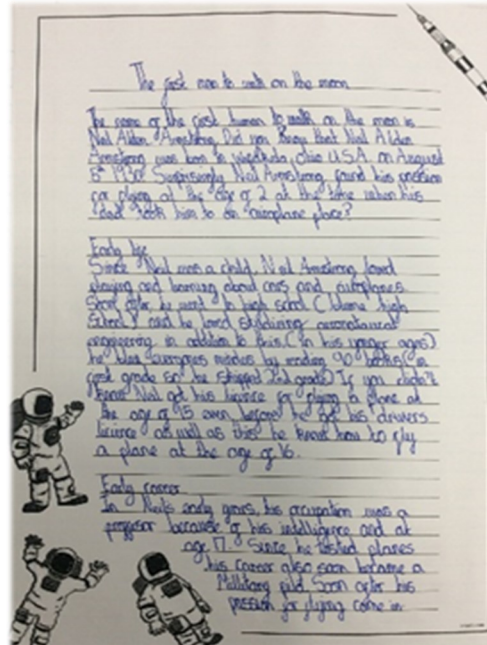
YEAR 5



This week, year 5 have created **rocket paintings**, inspired by the artist **Peter Thorpe**. These are some of the fantastic pieces of art that we have created. We used a variety of artistic techniques including the use of paint, pastels, and chalks.



We have also been working hard to produce a biography about **Neil Armstrong, the first man on the Moon**! We have carried out research based upon Neil's early life, career, and his space mission.

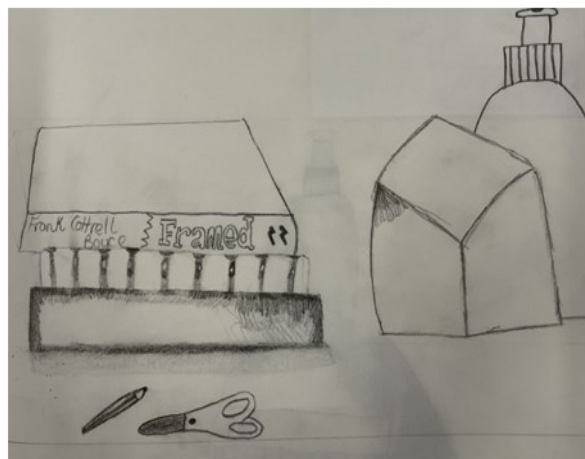
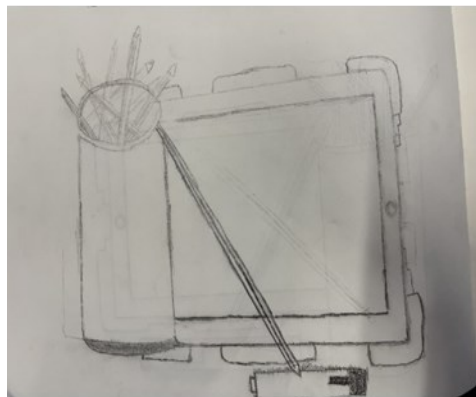


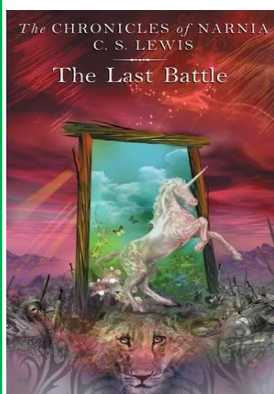
YEAR 6

This half term, year 6 have read the story **'The Viewer'**.

In the book, Tristian finds a curious box. The box was crammed with intriguing treasures, they were all devices designed to magnify, or focus, or illuminate. This week, we have created our own **time capsules** of objects that remind us of our time at Thornton Primary.

Here are some great examples that children in Year 6 created.





Thornton's Staff Book Reviews

Mr Ryall's Book Review

In Key Stage 2, the only books I wanted to read were about military history, but I did love the 'Chronicles of Narnia' series by C.S. Lewis. I especially enjoyed the last of the seven books, The Last Battle. I wonder if you can guess why! As I got older, it remained an old friend but I also began to learn more about what C.S. Lewis was trying to teach his readers. It also had an impact on my view of people who have different faiths: that I should judge people on how they act rather than on how I felt about their beliefs. A lot to get out of an adventure book with fighting, which is why I first wanted to read it. - Mr. Ryall

School Meals

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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 After school 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. As we are approaching the end of term, please clear all your dinner debts before the holidays start.

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.

Polite reminder: we are a nut free school!

It is lovely to have the opportunity to share cake or sweets with friends when it is a special occasion, such as a birthday. However, we respectfully ask that children do not bring anything into school that contains nuts.

We have several children who have allergies to nuts, some of which have potentially be life threatening conditions. Therefore, in order to keep everyone in school safe, we continue to declare ourselves a nut free school.

We are very grateful for your support in ensuring that everyone is safe.

Thank you.



Speech and Language Project

The DLP Team (based at Sladefield Infant School, Ward End) are running a Speech and Language project until Summer 2023, working with all schools from the Eastwards Consortium and Birmingham City Council. Your child's school is part of the Eastwards Consortium and is taking part in the project. We would like as many parents and carers as possible to get involved to support their children's speech and language development. Please visit the website www.ecdlp.co.uk for more information and select the menu 'Our Big Ideas' for different activities you can use with your child. Please also follow [@DlpProject](https://twitter.com/DlpProject) on Twitter for daily activities and games that you can do with your child.

Reporting Absences 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. Thank you very much for your support

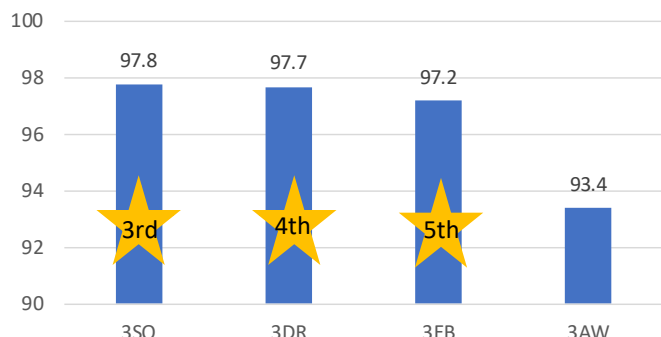


School Attendance

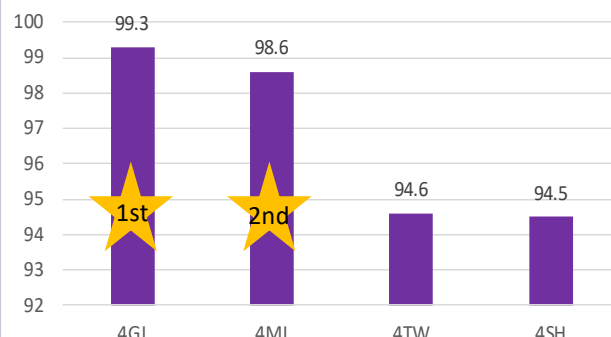


Well done to the top 6 classes who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above during last week: **WOW!** Congratulations to **4GJ** who had the best class attendance with 99.3%! Also a big well done to **4MJ** and **5TR** who have achieved 98.6% class attendance !

Year 3 attendance for last week



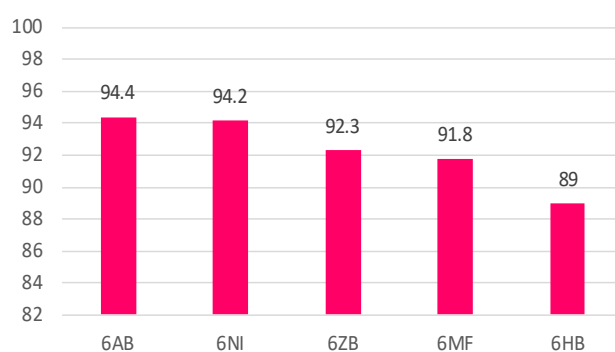
Year 4 attendance for last week



Year 5 attendance for last week



Year 6 attendance for last week



Our whole school attendance for last week was 95.3%

Golden Ticket Initiative

Look out for exciting details to follow from Mrs Grace regarding the **BRONZE Golden Ticket** attendance celebration soon . To qualify for the Bronze Golden Ticket pupils need to have achieved 97% and above during the Autumn Term.

Good Luck Everyone!



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 6th December

Year 3

Tuesday 7th December

Year 5

Wednesday 8th December

Year 4

Thursday 9th December

Year 6

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