



# The Thornton Times



## Home Learning - Special Edition 5

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Hello everyone

I hope you and your loved ones are continuing to stay safe, and are keeping a close eye on the school website for the latest information about the potential phased re-opening of school to YEAR 6 PUPILS ONLY. This is the current message on the home page of the school website:

**The school is still temporarily closed to ALL pupils.**

**Senior staff and Governors are currently working on a risk assessment to determine what actions need to be taken in order to ensure the safe re-opening for pupils in Year 6 in the first instance.**

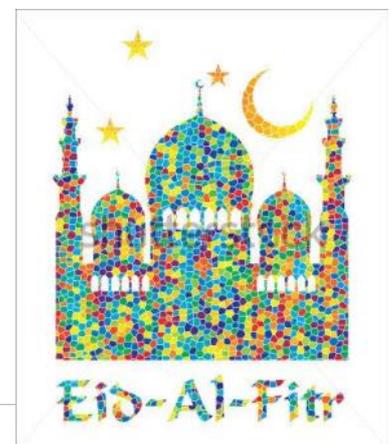
**Year 6 pupils MAY return to school from Monday 8th June.**

**WE WILL UPDATE YOU WITH DETAILS NEXT WEEK (w/c 25.05.2020)**

There is lots of work still being done to prepare the school site and staff for the potential phased re-opening. Therefore, we will update you next week so that you are clear about what has been done to keep our school family safe when they do return. Next week, we will also tell you all the details about what the changed school day will look like for Year 6 pupils, and provide the children with their own information too. Please keep checking the website and your eSchools app. Thank you.

In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish you Eid Mubarak if you are celebrating this weekend. Take care and stay safe, Mrs Grace.

**Eid Mubarak!** to all our families who will be celebrating over the weekend.  
We hope you have a lovely day with your families.  
This Eid will certainly be a memorable one.  
Stay safe everyone!





## Year 3 Teacher's Message

Hi everyone, I hope you are all staying safe. I miss you all very much and hope you are well at home. I have been keeping myself busy being crafty during this time and I have been busy learning how to crochet. I've loved being creative so here's something to help you get a bit creative too! From Mrs Boden

### Year 3 Activity

**How to make Glitter Slime! (remember to check with an adult first!)**

**You will need:**

- 100ml PVA white glue (children's craft glue or CE marked glue)
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- gel food colouring
- 1 tsp contact lens cleaning solution
- glitter (optional)

**What you need to do:**

1. Squeeze the glue into a mixing bowl. Add the bicarbonate of soda and mix well.
2. Add a drop or two of your chosen gel food colouring. Mix until it is all one colour.
3. Add the contact lens solution and mix. The slime will begin to form, going stringy before coming away clean from the bowl into a ball.
4. Once it has formed, take it out and knead it with your hands. It will be sticky at first but after about 30 seconds you'll have a smooth and stretchy ball. Add glitter at this point, and work in with your hands. Store in a pot with a lid.



Don't forget to post photos of your Slime on Twitter!



## Year 4 Teacher's Message

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all staying safe and well during this time, all of the teachers cannot wait to see you all when it is safe enough to be back at school. We all hope that you are continuing to work hard at home and are ready to share all the wonderful things you have produced From Mr Wareing

### Say Something Nice Portrait

I would like you all to think about how **you can say something nice**. I've been reading and watching poems by A.F Harrold who came into school last year. Using his poem **Say Something Nice** as inspiration, I created a portrait of the poet using words. Collect all the nice things and positive messages you have to say about someone else and turn them into a portrait.



### Year 4 Activity

### Treasure Hunt

1. Hide an item somewhere in the house that the other person playing the game could reach.
2. Make some clue cards (more than three) that will send them around the house, further and closer to where it is hidden.

You could hide a clue where the breakfast cereal is kept or under a cushion on the sofa and write riddles to get them to work hard to find it. The item could even be a prize for completing the treasure hunt.



Don't forget to post photos of your portrait and treasure hunt on Twitter!

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## Year 5 Teacher's Message

Hello Year 5,

I hope you and your families are all well and that those of you who are celebrating Eid at the end of the week have a blessed time, despite the difficult situation we find ourselves in. Eid is a time for the community to come together to celebrate, and yet we find ourselves forced to stay apart. I know how much I missed the celebrations at Easter and am sure this Eid-UI-Fitr will be as strange to you. It is only when we lose something that we come to realise how important it is to us. As I write this, there are signs that things may be beginning to get better but we must still be on our guard, look after ourselves and each other. Please keep up with some work and exercise your brains as well as your bodies. Next year, you will be Year 6, with SATs coming. Teachers have been getting ready, have you? Keep practising the basics and try the work you have been set. Keep reading all you can and be creative. But most of all, take care. We look forward to seeing you all again.

### Year 5 Activity

At the moment it seems impossible that things will ever go back to normal.

Here is something else that looks impossible, but is actually quite easy.

Can you cut and fold a piece of paper so that it looks like this?

No gluing is needed and the paper stays in one piece (with some slices cut into it).

If you work it out, let us know. If you don't, ask me, and I'll show you when we get back. Happy **puzzle** solving! Take care. From Mr Ryall



Don't forget to post photos of your paper shape on Twitter!



## Year 6 Teacher's Message

Hi everyone! I hope you are all well and staying safe. I hope that you are using this time to spend with your families, learning new skills or just trying something different. During this time, I have been: cooking, gardening and unfortunately changing nappies too.

The Year 6 team have been busy undertaking different activities at home from making smoothie lollies to creating some fantastic artwork. You can see all these activities on our school Twitter page and you can have a go too! I can't wait to see you all soon! Take care and make sure you are looking after each other. From Mr Iqbal

### Year 6 Activity

#### Cheese Cake Dessert

Mrs Mazar made cheesecake desserts. Why don't you have a go at making some!

**Ingredients**—250g Digestive Biscuits, 100g Butter melted, 1 Vanilla Pod 600g full fat soft cheese 100g, Icing sugar and 248ml Double Cream

**For the topping** 400g Strawberries chopped in halve 25g Icing sugar

#### Method

1. To make the base, put the digestive biscuits into a plastic food bag and crush to crumbs. Transfer the crumbs to a bowl, then pour over the melted butter. Mix thoroughly until the crumbs are completely coated. Tip them into the prepared tin/glass and press firmly down into the base to create an even layer. Then, leave the base to chill in the fridge for 1 hour to set firmly.
2. Place the cream cheese, icing sugar and some vanilla extract in a bowl, then beat with a wooden spoon or an electric mixer until smooth.
3. Now spoon the cream mixture onto the biscuit base, starting from the edges and working inwards, making sure that there are no air bubbles and leave to set in the fridge overnight.
4. Bring the cheesecake to room temperature about 30 mins before serving.

You can add your own flavours and toppings. Then enjoy!



Once you have made your cheesecakes share them on our twitter page. We would love to see them.





## Inclusion Team



Hi everyone! Hope you are staying safe and remembering to keep smiling! We've just added a new activity on our 'Inclusion Covid-19' page on the school website titled **'My Lockdown Experience'**. We want to hear all about your time at home so we can support you better when school re-opens.

**My lockdown experience**   
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What I liked

Any significant events

What was difficult?

How did I learn best?

What am I worried about, going back to school?

## SEND Activities of the Week



Looking for fun ways to learn your times tables at home? Why not throw and catch a ball with a family member and recalling as many timetables as possible. You can add an extra level of challenge by timing yourself and beating the clock next time you play time!

## Shape Hunt

Miss Wilcox and her daughter went on a shape hunt.

"We went on a shape hunt during our daily walk. We looked at the different shapes that we found and looked at the properties of the shapes."

This activity can be done in the house or outside. The children can print or draw pictures of what they found, they could sort them according to properties"

Don't forget to post photos of your times tables game and shape hunt on twitter!

