

Hello everyone

We started our week with growing our **'attitude for gratitude'** as part of our My Happy Minds work. It was a really lovely moment to share lots of positivity! What are you grateful for in terms of yourself, others or experiences?

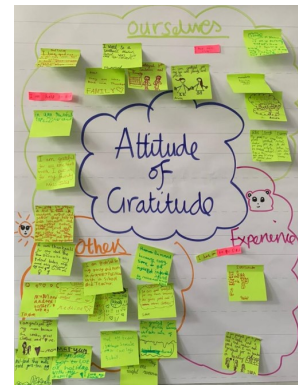
We are so proud of how fantastically **Year 4** children participated in their **Roman Day** on Tuesday! They were lots of fun activities enjoyed from marching like Roman soldiers to designing and making clay brooches, as well as meeting Boudicca and playing ancient games! Please read on to find out more further in the newsletter...

On Thursday, the **Year 5 and 6 Thornton Sports Hall Athletics Team** went to Arch Bishop Illesley School and qualified for the School Games County Championship Finals in two weeks! The young athletes produced some amazing performances—very well done and good luck to all the team!

Next **Monday, 3GJ and 3AJ** are visiting the **Think Tank**, with **3SQ and 3MJ** visiting on **Tuesday**. We are also very excited to celebrate **World Book Day on Friday**, with lots of activities planned for the children in school, topped off with a **really exciting special visitor... the illustrator kOrky Paul!** We can't wait! Read on for more info...

A huge thank you to Joseph Chamberlain College for helping us to provide every child with a **breakfast bagel** each morning. We really appreciate their support with helping everyone's day get's off to a good start!

Have a great weekend everyone! Cathy Grace, Headteacher



Article 3: Article of the week— Best Interests of the Child

In 5BA children understand that the best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children. When asked, who makes decisions that affect the lives of children and young people? They came up with the following responses:

Parents or carers
Other family members
Teachers
Healthcare workers
Social workers
Sports coaches
Youth workers
Police officers
Members of the government
Local councils
Children's Commissioners
Court officials – judges, lawyers



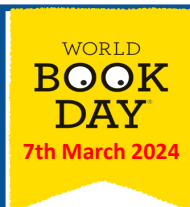
Children wrote the names of their trusted adults at Thornton Primary that they can go to when they feel worried. Everyone has someone to share with.



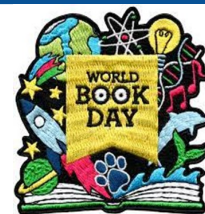
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World Book Day



World Book Day is celebrated nationally on Thursday 7th March.

At Thornton we will be celebrating on Friday 8th March 2024.

We have a number of activities planned for our children in school, but we also have activities you can join in at home with your child. Carry on reading to find out all about what we have planned for World Book Day!

Homework project

We would like you to work with your child over the next few weeks to create a 3D model of a significant object or character from a book they have read. Below are examples of projects from previous years. You will find some of the projects displayed in our school's reception area. The **deadline** for all projects to be brought into class is **Friday 8th March 2024**. All entrants will receive a certificate and a prize.



National Book Tokens design a gift card competition!

Children of all ages to get creative and share their love for books and reading by **designing their own fabulous gift cards!** The winning entrants will receive HUNDREDS of pounds worth of National Book Tokens for their schools and themselves. PLUS the **overall winner will get a £10 National Book Token in their winning design for every child in their class...** and the opportunity to spend them in a visit to a local bookshop!

HOW TO ENTER

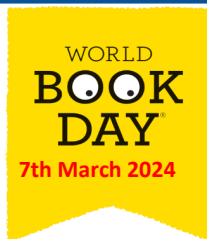
All entries should be produced on A4 paper using the template provided. Please ensure you state your child's name and age, and your contact details, on the second page of the form. Templates will be handed out by your child's class teacher.

This year's theme is 'Read Your Way'. Every reader is different, and there's no right or wrong way to enjoy reading. Encourage children to think about what reading looks like for them, and what it can look like for others.

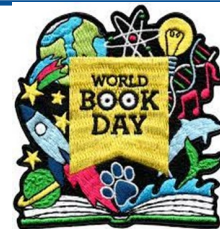
The closing date for entries is Monday 11 th March 2024. Entries to be handed to Mrs Mazar (Assistant Headteacher).

Winners will be announced in May 2024.



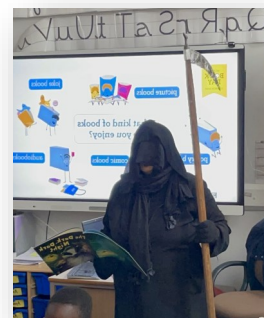
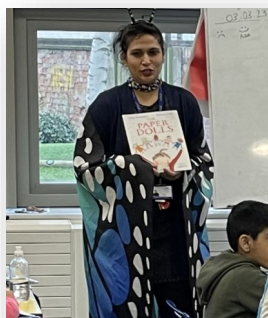


World Book Day



Reading for Pleasure

Our teachers will be swapping classes for a reading for pleasure session with children from a different class. Here are some of our teachers dressed up as their favorite book characters from last year. Which character will visit your child's class this year??



KOrky Paul – Illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur

EXCITING NEWS! We have KOrky Paul the illustrator of Winnie and Wilbur coming to Thornton to work with our **Year 3 children and their parents**. The **Parent workshop** will take place on World Book Day, **Friday 8th March, at 9.00am**. If you would like to attend the parent workshop with KOrky Paul, look out for a letter with further details which will be sent home with your child. Learn all about KOrky Paul ahead of his visit by exploring his website <https://www.korkypaul.com/>



Scholastic Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on **Monday 18th March, Tuesday 19th March, Thursday 21st March and Friday 22nd March**. Children will be able to redeem their £1 world book day token at the fair. The value of the token will be deducted from the price of the book purchased. Purchases will be **CARD ONLY**. A QR code will be available on the day for you to scan and make a payment supported by a member of staff from Thornton Primary School. **Only one token can be redeemed per child.**

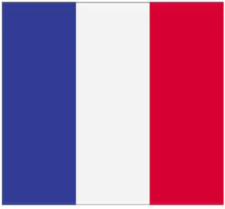


Where's Wally?



Children will take part in the Where's Wally? School Search. Mini cut outs of Where's Wally? Will be hidden around school, waiting to be found. If your child finds Wally, they need to bring Wally to the SLT room to collect their certificate and prize from Mrs Mazar. Keep your eyes peeled

Year 3



For our Geography topic on **France**, we will be baking bread in the style of French boulangeries! In order to make our bread, Year 3 have been tasting existing products to gather some inspiration.

As part of our **DT project**, we tried and tasted different types of breads such as hot cross buns, panini rolls, brioche, sourdough baguettes and tortillas.

We were really excited about tasting the sourdough bread! Our most favourite bread was the brioche bread because it was sweet and buttery!



Bread name	Comments on appearance	Comments on taste/texture	Comments on smell	Mark out of 10
Tortilla	White Smooth	Sweet Smooth	fresh	8/10
Hot Cross Buns	fluffy	Soft Sweet	fruity	7/10
Sourdough	bubbly	Sour earthy Tangy	Sour	5/10
Brioche	Yellow Soft	Sweet Soft	buttery	10/10
Panini	Charred	hard Salty-Salty	buttery	6/10
Which bread was your favourite and why? Brioche because it was buttery and sweet!				

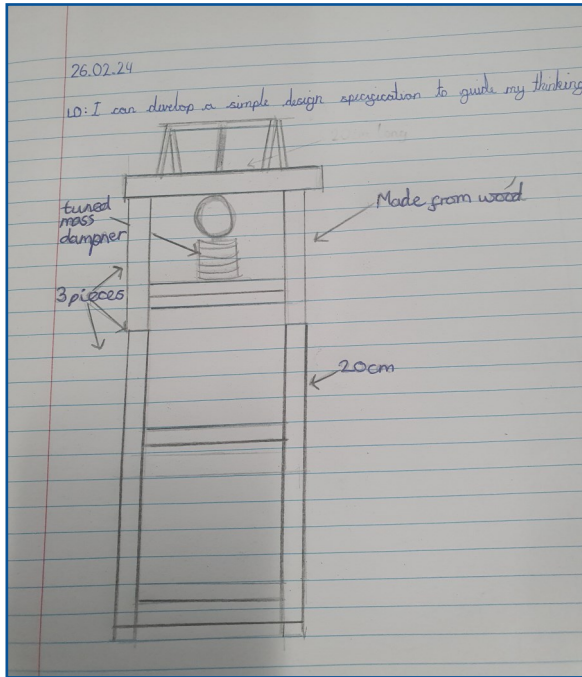
Year 4

This week, Year 4 had an amazing **Roman day** where the children created Roman brooches using clay, played ancient games and took part in role play.

The children enjoyed manipulating the clay and using tools to create individual brooch designs using lines and shapes.

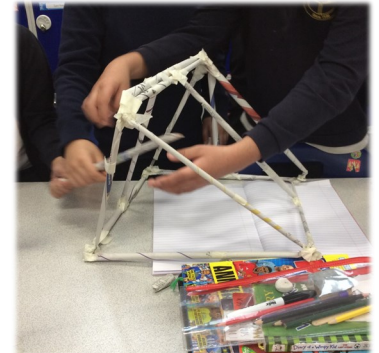
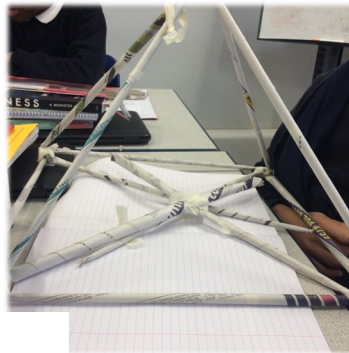


Year 5



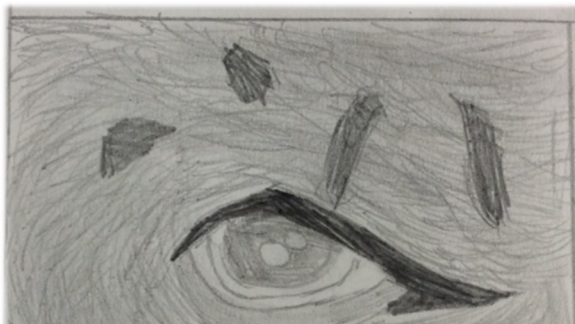
Safaa's (5ST) plan

In Year 5's **Design and Technology** lessons, children are exploring how buildings around the world are made **earthquake proof**. They had an extremely exciting lesson creating very basic structures out of old newspapers! These were then tested with a whole lot of shaking to see which group made the sturdiest one! During their follow up lesson, the children have learnt about two distinct types of quake-proof designs: tuned mass dampers and base isolation. They are currently in the planning stages of making their own towers using strips of wood. Will we have the next generation 5BA's paper maquettes of architects and structural engineers? Watch this space!"



5BA's paper maquettes

Year 6



This term, Year 6 will be focusing on the artworks of **Juan Travieso** a contemporary painter.

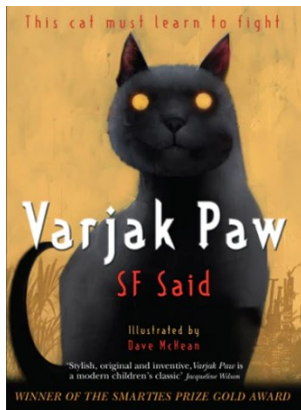
Juan Travieso is an artist based in Miami and New York. His work explores notions of impermanence and decay through a combined language of pop, realism, and abstraction.

Figures, be them humans or animals, are broken up into spaces and forms much like 3D models, speaking to both their temporality and transition into the digital age.

Pupils have had the opportunity to create observational drawings of animals to kick start the unit.



'Author of the Month' March



S.F SAID

*Learn more about
S.F Said*

Library Time Interview with SF Said

Catherine and Gabriel talk to award winning author S.F. Said. They discuss the inspiration for his books Varjak Paw, The Outlaw Varjak Paw and Phoenix, his writing process and the frustrations that authors face. They also ask SF for his top tips for young writers.

<https://watchkin.com/9534185ce2>



Scan the QR
code to watch
the video



SF Said is a multi-award-winning author. He was born in Lebanon, but has lived in London since he was 2 years old. He wrote his first novel, Varjak Paw (2003), while working as a speechwriter for the Crown Prince of Jordan.



Scan the QR
code to watch a
series of videos
of S.F Said
reading some of
his books.

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WITH MIQUILL



WORLD BOOK DAY



MENU

Thursday 7th March

Alice in Wonderland

Cheshire Cats Cheesy Pizza
with wedges and sweetcorn

White Rabbit Mac and Cheese with Garlic Slice
and sweetcorn

Queen of Hearts Shaped Biscuits

Baked Potatoes, Sandwiches, Salad Bar and Fruit also
Available



School Attendance

Our school attendance last week was 92.8%

Class Attendance

Well done to class **4NG** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week.

The Magic 15 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Projects

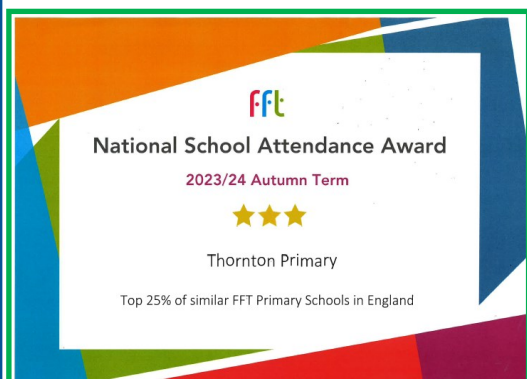
The Magic 15 Raising Attendance and Punctuality Projects will start on **Monday 4th March until 22nd March**. These projects will help the children to improve their attendance and punctuality this term. All the pupils who are part of the initiative have had an attendance assembly today explaining the initiative and a letter has been sent home to the parents/carers too.

The parents/carers will also be invited for a low attendance concern meeting to discuss how the school can support them and their child in improving their child's attendance.



We are pleased to announce the school has won an **FFT National Attendance Award for Autumn 2023/24!**

The awards are an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of staff, pupils, parents and carers in achieving excellent attendance during the



FFT National Attendance Awards

What are the FFT Attendance Awards based on?

FFT collects daily attendance data from over 10,000 schools. This data helps schools to track, monitor and compare their attendance every week through our **Attendance Tracker** system.

The awards have been given to schools with attendance in the Top 10% and Top 25% of all FFT schools nationally for the 2023/24 Autumn term.

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 4th March

Year 6

Tuesday 5th March

Year 4

Wednesday 6th March

Year 3

Thursday 7th March

Year 5

Swimming for Class 4TW

Friday 8th March

Swimming for class 4NG

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: **'considerate'**

Considerate is a word linked to our expectations to be respectful and safe, but what does it mean?

"Being considerate is thinking about others. If you're a considerate driver you think about the other people who use the road, which helps keep things safe." Yahya 5TR.

I would agree with Yahya. By being considerate you are being respectful and safe.

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher

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