

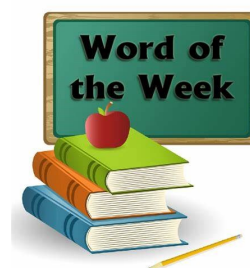
Hello everyone

On Tuesday, the **Year 3/4 Football Team** played their first competitive match against The Rosary Primary School. After a long period when the school has not been able to host football matches, due to the pandemic, it was fantastic to be watch the boys enjoy playing against another school. Considering it was their first competitive match, the team did brilliantly. There was a great deal of skill, determination and sportsmanship on display. The fixture was split into three periods with Thornton running out 12-3 winners!



Next Thursday, 7th April 2022, we are holding our next **parent coffee morning**. The focus for this session is asthma. We are lucky that we are being joined by a **specialist asthma nurse** (based at Washwood Heath Health and Wellbeing Centre). The event will start at 8:45am and will run until 10am. Our own school nurse, Miss Pegg, will also be present to signpost parents for any medical related questions that you may have.

From now on I will be sharing with you my '**weekly word**'. Each week we introduce a different word associated with our school's expectation to reinforce our school's ethos, which is to be ready, respectful and safe. The added bonus to doing this is that it expands the vocabulary of our pupils.



Our word of this week is: 'equipped.' "Being equipped is about being ready. We are equipped with our pencil cases so that are ready to write." (Bilal, 5ST)

Bilal is correct, being equipped is about having the right tools for the task ahead. However, it is also about having a positive mindset. At Thornton we want our pupils to be ready to learn so we nurture a growth mindset and encourage the pupils to have the tools they need ready in front of them.

I hope you all have a good weekend and look forward to seeing you next week for the final week of term.

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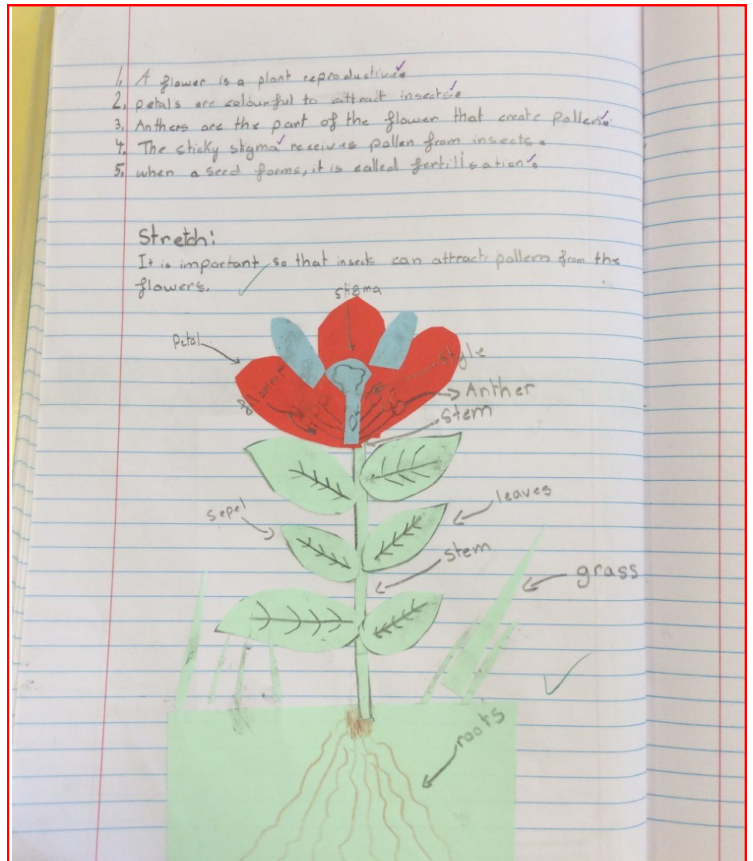
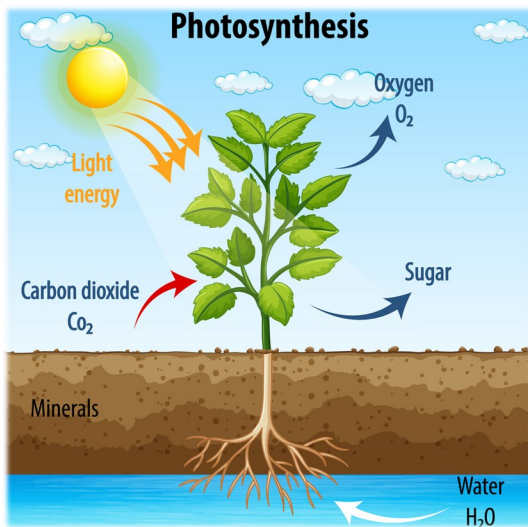
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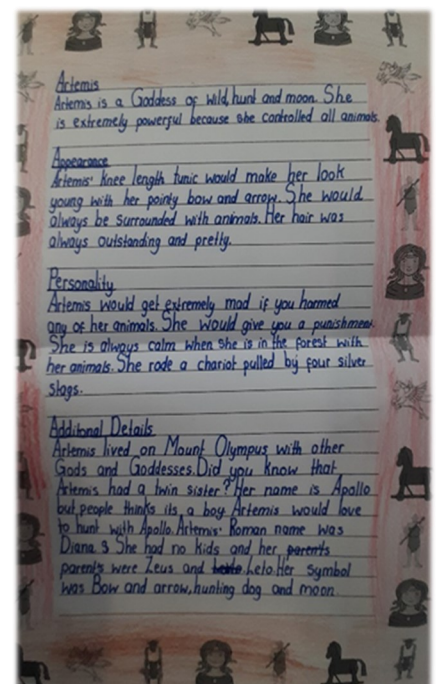
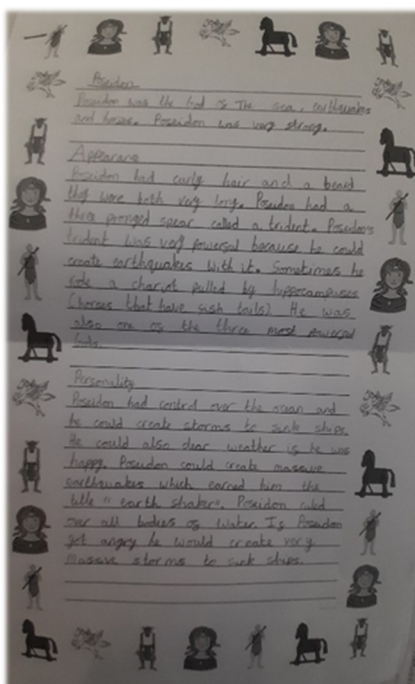
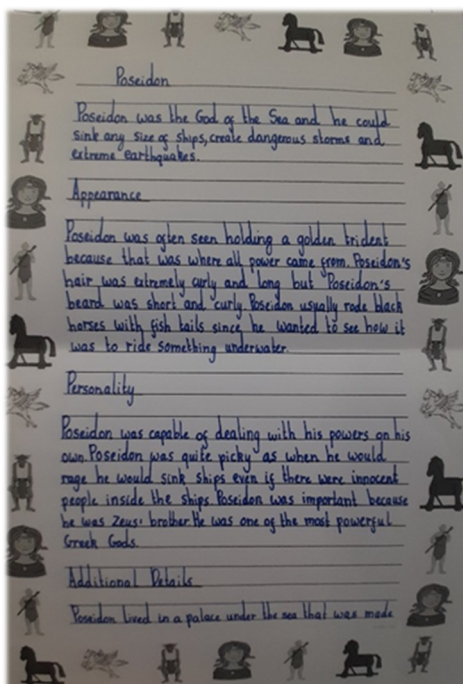
Year 3

This week Year 3 have been learning about how plants make their own food. The children looked at the process of **photosynthesis** and the different parts of a plant. We observed a plant kept in the light and one kept in the dark and discussed the results using scientific vocabulary.



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been learning about **Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses**. In their English lessons, they have researched a range of gods and goddesses and created information texts about them. Take a look at their fantastic and informative writing.



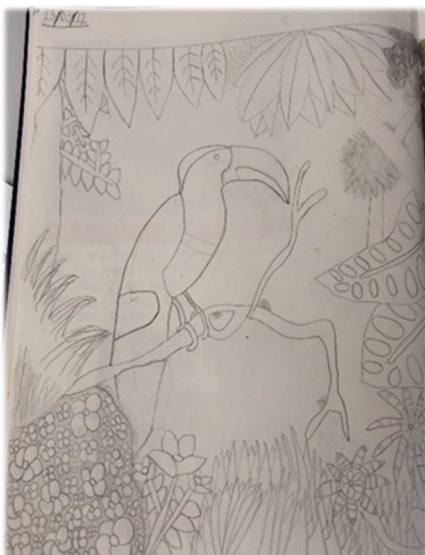
Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been using Purple Mash to create our very own 3D models. Children were asked to use a programme called 2Design and Make where they had a template which allowed them to create a design and move points to manipulate the model whilst using their knowledge of 3D shapes.



Year 6

This week in Art, Year 6 created a **jungle theme sketch** in the style of **Henri Rousseau**. Henri Rousseau was a French painter who is best known for his jungle scenes such as Tiger in a Tropical Storm. The children worked exceptionally hard in creating their sketch and used a range of materials such as water colours, oil pastels and felt tips. They also incorporated a toucan in their sketch. Below are some great examples of their work.



Thornton Staff Book Review



I absolutely loved the cartoon, Gravity Falls. It only ran for two seasons, but I loved the world and the characters so much that I wanted to continue to find new content. Gravity Falls: Journal 3, by Alex Hirsch and Rob Renzetti, is written as if one of the characters is collecting information about the mysterious happenings that occur in Gravity Falls. Not only does it remind me of stories I enjoyed, I can find out new information, just like Dipper and Mabel in the TV show. - Mr Jones

Reading improves your conversational skills

Reading increases your vocabulary and your knowledge of how to correctly use new words. It also helps you clearly articulate what you want to say. The knowledge you gain from reading gives you lots to talk about with others.



If you want to know more about the benefits of reading, please just ask me! Mrs Dionne McPherson

Allergy Letters

If your child has brought home an allergy letter from the school nurse, can you please complete and return the form by Monday 4th April. Thank you for your continuous support.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

Spring Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 28th February 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 8th April 2022**

Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April

Teaching Training Day: Monday 25th April 2022

Term Starts: **Tuesday 26th April 2022**

Teaching Training Day: Thursday 5th May 2022

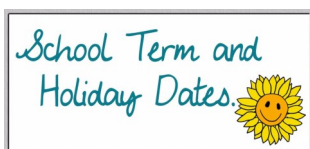
Term Ends: **Friday 27th May 2022**

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Summer Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June 2022**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July 2022**



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

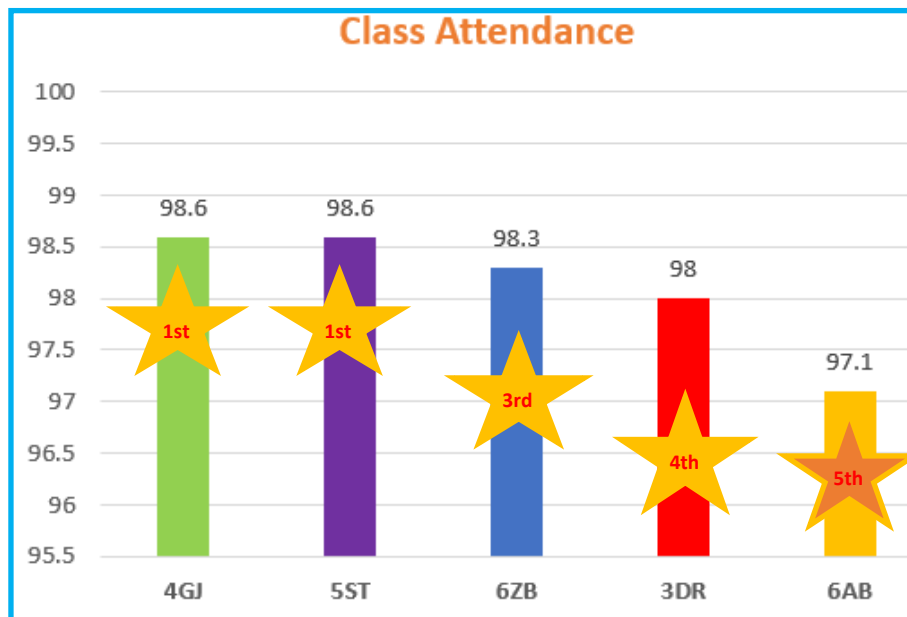
Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you are having any issues with payment please contact the school office for support.

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.

School Attendance

Class Attendance



Well done to 4GJ, 5ST, 6ZB, 3DR and 6AB who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above during the last week.



Our whole school attendance last week was **94.2%**

Year 6 Attendance Challenge!

We have introduced a YEAR 6 challenge board to encourage all the Year 6 classes to improve their attendance and to win the Golden Tickets!



Look out for the attendance challenge board in the school dinning hall.

The challenge will run across two school weeks and will start on **Tuesday 3rd May** until **Friday 13th May**.

The classes in Year 6 will need to achieve the school attendance target of **97%** and above each week to earn a golden ticket.

To qualify for the Year 6 attendance challenge reward, **6NI, 6AB, 6ZB, 6MF and 6HB** will need to collect 2 golden tickets!

Mrs Grace will announce the reward next term. **Good Luck Year 6!**

Spring Term Attendance Celebration

Look out more information next week regarding the Spring Term attendance celebration. Pupils who have won the Silver Golden Ticket will be announced next term. The pupils who have achieved the Magic 20 Raising Attendance and Punctuality award will so be invited to the attendance celebration.

Good Luck everyone!

Thank you to all the parents for your support in ensuring the children attend school every day and on time.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 4th April
Year 3

Tuesday 5th April
Year 5

Wednesday 6th April
Year 4

Thursday 7th April
Year 6

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