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Hello everyone

Wow! I am **extremely proud** and excited today to be writing to you as the **new Headteacher of Thornton Primary School**. I am overjoyed and humbled to be given this privileged position. Being appointed by the Governing Body to lead our special #thorntonfamily is my dream come true! I am very passionate about our school community and am determined to ensure all our children get the very best learning opportunities in order for them to reach their potential. Of course, this can only be achieved if we all work together as a team, and I am looking forward to further strengthening our great home-school relationships. As you will already know, I have an 'open door' approach which means that school is always ready to listen to anything you wish to share with us, whether that be good news or concerns. I am available at the start and end of every school day and can usually be found by one of the school gates (this term I am located by the 'in' gate on Thornton Road!). As well as class teachers being available at the end of the school day, other members of senior staff are also always available so please do come and talk to us so that we can help support you and your children in any way we can.



I am incredibly lucky to be supported by the most caring and hard-working staff who always go above and beyond to make sure our children are happy, safe, healthy and achieving their best. We are also lucky to have a very knowledgeable and skilled governing body who have the very best interests of all the children at heart.

Thank you for the enormous hard work you have all put in to supporting your children with their remote learning and for helping make sure the children have had such a positive return to school. We know it hasn't always been easy and we are grateful for your help.

Please make sure you keep a look out for the school letters that we now send home via email, and for homework that is being uploaded on Google Classroom, as well as other information such as news about our Easter Egg-stravaganza competition that is on Google Classroom too! It is really important you make sure we have your latest contact details so that we can continue to send you up-to-date information. If there has been a change to your email address, please contact the school office straight away (0121 327 0824, enquiry@thornton.bham.sch.uk) so that we can make the necessary changes. Thank you.



I hope you have a lovely weekend—I know I will certainly be spending mine celebrating with my family!

With my very best wishes,

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



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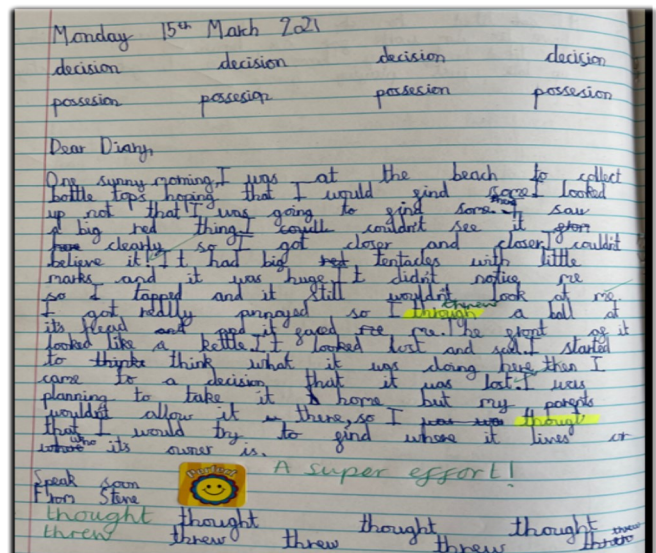
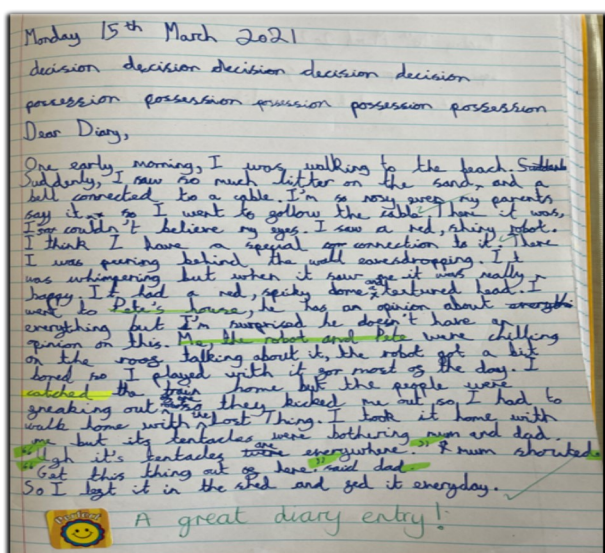
Year 3

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed recreating the story of 'The Rules of Summer' using their puppet theatres that they created. This was a fantastic activity to work as a team and develop the children's spoken language. They performed for each other within class and it was interesting that even though they were recreating the same story, they had lots of independent ideas; the joys of using a picture book helps expand their imagination!



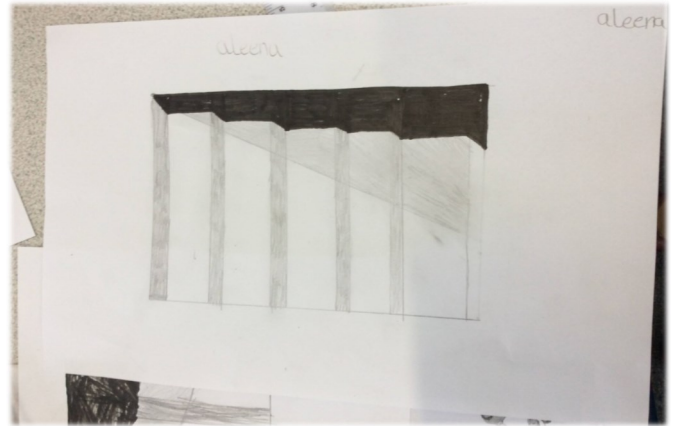
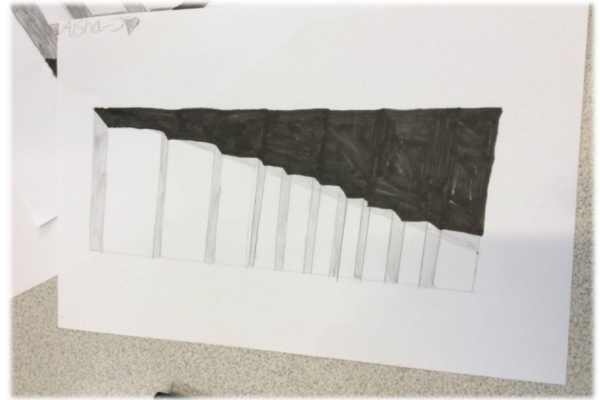
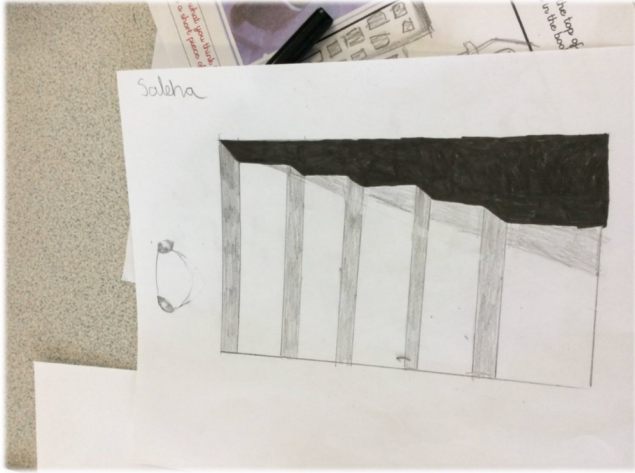
Year 4

Year 4 continued their work on 'The Lost Thing' by writing in role and producing diary entries as the main character in the story. These pieces were completed completely independently. These entries are by Haaziq and Saad in 4SH. Well Done both boys for their super diary entries. Considering the children have had two months off school we are very proud, what lovely hand-writing as well!



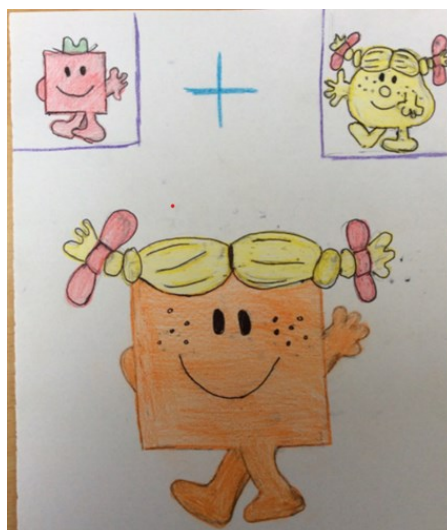
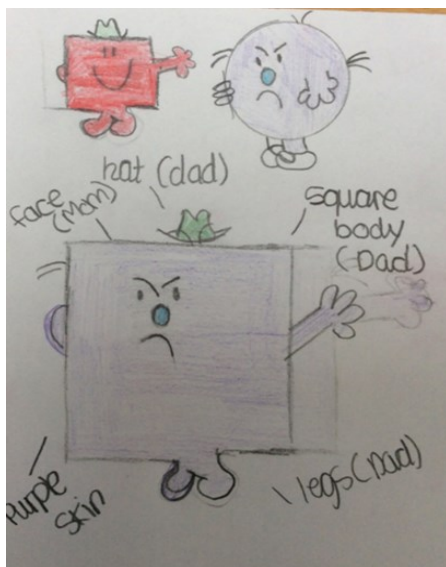
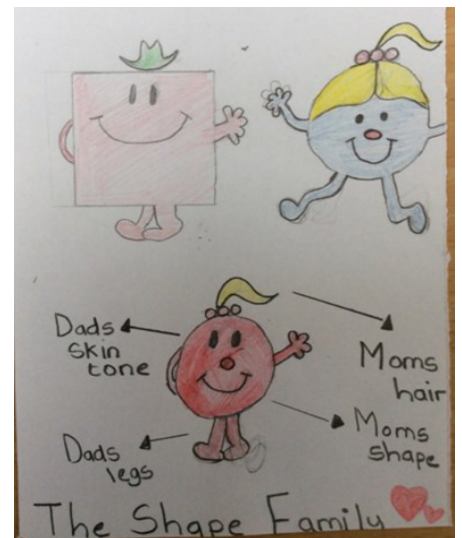
Year 5

Children studied the work of the artist M.C. Escher. He was fascinated by illusions and used that in his artwork. Inspired by Escher's work children produced their own versions of illusions in drawings.



Year 6

In Year 6 this week we looked at inheritance as part of our Evolution and Inheritance Science topic. The children researched how characteristics of parents are passed onto their offspring. Children were able to identify that they might look like their parents because they have inherited specific genes from them, like eye colour, skin colour and height. The task the children completed involved students creating offspring of Mr Men characters.



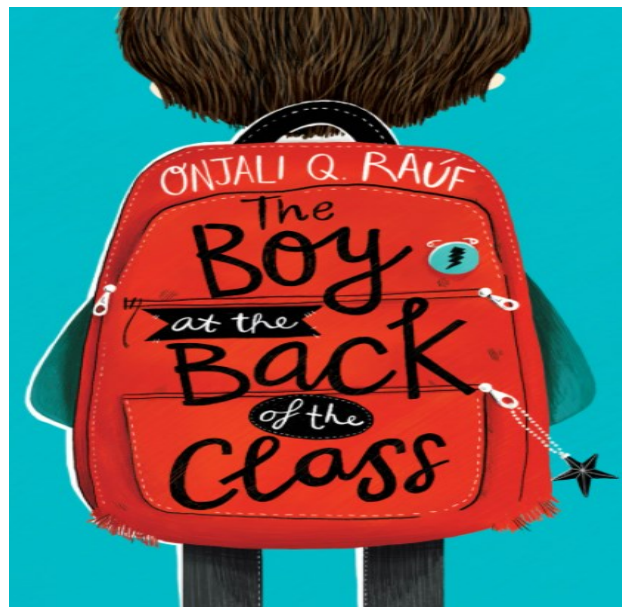
Miss Loach has been adding a chapter a day of this story on to Twitter. You can view our Twitter page on our school website as well.

<https://twitter.com/Thornton0wls>

See below Links for each Chapter:

<https://youtu.be/33kL-10rxEc>
<https://youtu.be/YdVFva-zKLs>
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We hope you enjoy it!!



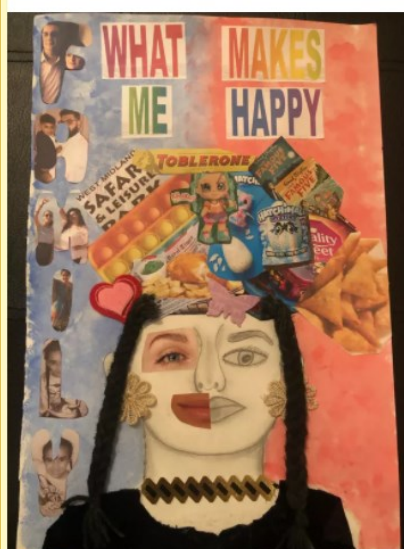
Virtual Art Gallery

Mr Wareing, our Art subject leader, has set up a virtual art gallery that displays the entries to his competition that was entitled: What makes us happy? Click on the link or scan the QR code to access the Thornton Online Gallery.

https://padlet.com/t_wareing/836nwk5ru5ykcxbh.

Here are some amazing entries .

Anah 3SQ



Owais 4AB



Maira 5ZY





Virtual Easter Egg-stravaganza!

Egg Decorating Competition

It is that time of year again when we would like to invite all children to let their imaginations run wild and decorate an egg for our egg-cellent Easter competition!

Due to the current restrictions, we won't be able to bring eggs into school this year. Instead, please take a photograph of the finished creation and upload it to Google Classroom, any time before **WEDNESDAY 21st April**.

There will be a winner and two runner ups from each class, a winner from each year group and one overall **WINNER!**



You have plenty of time to get creative over the Easter holidays with this competition.

You can use whatever materials you would like: paint, chalk, paper/card, pencils, felts... In the past we have suggested children use a hard-boiled egg to decorate (**please be mindful of any allergies your child may have**), but you could choose to decorate: an egg shell, a chocolate egg, an egg-shaped biscuit or an egg made of paper or card. You could even use a potato!

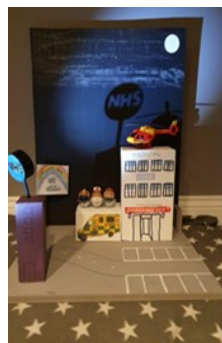


You might choose to take your design a step further and create a back drop also...

You might want to use a favourite book or TV programme as inspiration. It could have a sporting or music theme or simply a Spring or Easter inspired idea.



You could even take inspiration from the current pandemic.



We look forward to seeing your egg-cellent ideas!!!!

Year 6 SATs

Our Year Six children continue to work incredibly hard during their final year at Thornton. Teachers and support staff are also doing an amazing job helping them 'bounce back' after the lockdown and continue the challenge of filling the gaps in their learning.

The children will continue to be taught the full curriculum and their progress will be frequently assessed so we can quickly address any gaps in their learning.

We know some children may be disappointed (and some relieved) that the end of Key Stage 2 SATs have been **CANCELLED by the government** but this **does not mean we are any the less ambitious for our children's achievement!**



SCHOOL Attendance



This week we have introduced our Best Class Attendance Reward to help improve the whole school attendance.

Best Class Attendance Reward

At the end of the Spring Term the class with the best attendance will be rewarded with a £50 gift voucher to spend on a VIP cinema experience in school or on new classroom resources.



The classes who achieve the target of 97% and above will receive a special certificate.

Well done to the following classes who achieved our school Attendance target of 97% and above this week:

Year 3

3AH-98.7%

Year 5

5BA-98%

Year 6

6HJ-99.3%

6HB-98%

**Last week our whole school
attendance was: 94.5 %**

**Thank you for your support in ensuring your children attend school
everyday.**

PE TIMETABLE

W/C 22nd March

Year 3

Monday 22nd March

Year 5

Tuesday 23rd March

Year 6

Wednesday 24th March

Year 4

Thursday 25th March

6NI ONLY

Friday 26th March

Term Dates

Spring Term 2021

Term Ends: **Thursday 1 April 2021**



Easter holiday:

Friday 2 April 2021 to Friday 16 April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Teacher Training Day: Monday 19 April 2021

Term Starts: **Tuesday 20 April 2021**

Teacher Training Day: Thursday 6 May 2021

Term Ends: **Friday 28 May 2021**

May Half Term holiday:

Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 7 June 2021**

Term Ends: **Tuesday 20 July 2021**

Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 21 July 2021

Reporting Absence to school

Please can you contact the school office to inform us of the reason for your child's absence. Parents/carers please give school as much information as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please ring the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824—our lines open from 8am .



New Arrival



Congratulation to

Mrs N Hussain Year 3

Class teacher, who has given birth to a baby girl.
Both mum and baby are doing well.



Congratulation Mrs Hussain!!

School Meals

If you would like to change your child's meal option, please remember this can only be changed at the start of each term. You must contact the school office prior to doing so. **Dinner money must be paid in advance and is £2.40 per day and £12.00 per week.**



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