

# The Thornton Times

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Hello everyone

At long last I can finally share the news we have all been waiting for...**ALL children will return to school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March!** We are all so chuffed that we can come back together, safely, as a school on site to see one another, catch up and enjoy spending time together. I will be writing to you next week with more details about the school's reopening, so please keep an eye on your email and the school app.



In the meantime, just to reassure you, we have been busy planning a fun first week back that will give everyone time to talk and share in some creative learning that will support wellbeing and mental health. I know the teachers are planning to reveal some of their plans using Google Classroom over the coming week so we can all prepare for a happy return to school.

In practical terms, we will continue to operate our staggered drop-off and pick up times to maximise social distancing. The following times will be used again:

|                  |                   |                   |                   |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Drop-off:</b> | <b>Y6- 8.30am</b> | <b>Y5- 8.40am</b> | <b>Y4- 8.50am</b> | <b>Y3- 9am</b>    |
| <b>Pick-up:</b>  | <b>Y6- 3.30pm</b> | <b>Y5- 3.25pm</b> | <b>Y4- 3.20pm</b> | <b>Y3- 3.15pm</b> |

We understand that many parents and carers have more than one child attending Thornton, or have time slots at Sladefield Infant School for dropping off siblings, so we will continue our flexible and supportive approach to allow families to be dropped-off and picked-up together. The most important thing is that everyone continues to use the 'IN' and the 'OUT' gates on both Thornton Road and St. Agatha's Road to keep the flow of people moving swiftly onto and off the site. We again respectfully ask, for the time being, that **ALL ADULTS COMING ON TO THE SITE WEAR A FACE COVERING** (unless there is a medical reason not to do so). Thank you.

Before and after school clubs will be provided with limited places for children of working parents. Please contact the school reception to book your child's place in the usual way.

We are expecting all children to wear school uniform, as set out in the most recent government guidance. Please speak to a member of staff if you require any support with your child's uniform. Could you also ensure that your child wears appropriate school shoes and not trainers each day. Trainers are only permitted on the days your child has P.E.. On PE days they will need to come to school in their PE kit as usual. Dates for when each class has P.E. are always included in our weekly newsletter to help remind you (this is also posted in display cabinets in the school playground).

Now is the time for EVERYONE to start practising getting up in time to have their breakfast and be on time for school each morning. And for checking that uniform still fits!

And finally, thank you to everyone in our #thorntonfamily for all your hard work. The resilience and determination shown by everyone is something we should all be proud of.

Take care and see you all very soon,

Cathy Grace, Acting Headteacher

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# Lockdown Learners of the Week



**W/E—12/02/2021** — These children received special post cards from their teachers to celebrate the excellent work they have been doing on Google Classroom and remote learning work packs. **WELL DONE EVERYONE! Keep working hard and submitting your work!** Look out for next week's Lockdown Learner of week post cards.

|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| 3EB | Hammad                       |
| 3AH | Shayaan                      |
| 3MJ | Haala                        |
| 3SQ | Rayyaan                      |
| 4SH | Saad                         |
| 4TW | Huzaifa                      |
| 4GJ | Mariyah<br>Hisham<br>Laaibah |
| 4AB | Yusuf                        |
| 4DR | Saad                         |
| 5BA | Hajrah                       |
| 5ZY | Mustafa<br>Amiyrh            |
| 5NG | Faizan<br>Adam               |
| 5ST | Amina<br>Adnan               |
| 5TR | Bilal                        |
| 6NI | Aisha                        |
| 6HJ | Samiur                       |
| 6MF | Hussain                      |
| 6ZB | Zimal                        |
| 6HB | Umar<br>Myrah                |

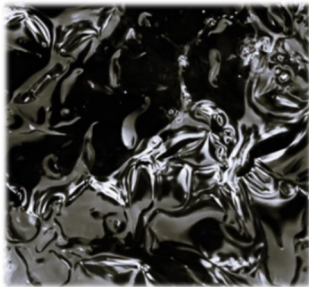
# Remote Learning

## Year 3



### Reflections and patterns in water.

The Year 3 topic this half term is 'Flow.' We are looking at ways that the water ripples and how objects reflect in water to make beautiful pictures or patterns. Can you make some interesting or unusual patterns and take some photos to send to your teachers? What is the most unique and unusual picture you can create? Think outside of the box!



## Year 4

### Science Experiment - for solids, liquids and gas.

Your task is to create your own model which shows how particles move in solids, liquids and gas. Look at the example given in the video to help you. You will need:

2 containers with lids  
marbles, rice, kidney beans, rocks or stones.

Finally, give your particles a shake to see how they move differently for each state



Click on the link below to see how much fun Mrs Begum had doing the experiment.

<https://www.loom.com/share/49f008f503be44e89d83219914b3be93>



## Year 5

### Science investigation

Year 5 have been learning all about teeth and how to keep them healthy. We carried out an investigation to find out the effects of sugary drinks on our teeth.

We used eggs shells because they are very similar to the enamel on our teeth.



Maira 5ZY

We used eggs shells because they are very similar to the enamel on our teeth. Maira, found out that fizzy drinks and orange juice are not good for your teeth because they damage the enamel and water and milk are the best things to drink.



## Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed mark making to music. The purpose of the activity is to create marks whilst listening to music. It is a relaxing activity and the point is to enjoy it. The best bit-there is no wrong or right!

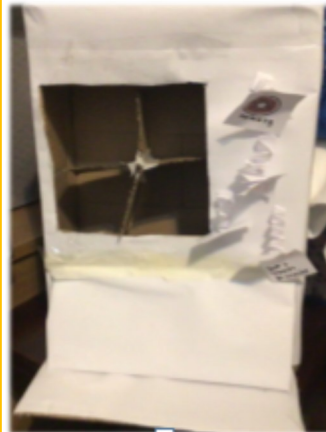


### Science week

6HB made some creative models for science week



Umar made an Electric Mop



Afia made a coffee machine



Laiba made a cleaner



Sokhna made a Microscope

## Remote Learning Timetable

Week 2 — 01/03/2021

| Morning check in time |        | Afternoon review | Friday PM |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------|-----------|
| 10:00-10:20am         | Year 3 | 2:00-2:20 pm     | 12 Noon   |
| 9:00-9:20 am          | Year 4 | 1:00-1:20 pm     | 11:30 am  |
| 9:20-9:40 am          | Year 5 | 1:20-1:40 pm     | 11:40 am  |
| 9:40-10:00am          | Year 6 | 1:40-2:00pm      | 11:50 am  |

### Celebration Cake

Our talented school Chef Darren made a delicious Victoria sponge cake to celebrate the school reopening to all children on Monday 8th March. The Catering team are looking forward to welcoming the children back and serving nutritious meals.

#### Victoria Sponge Sandwich

##### Ingredients

200g caster sugar  
200g softened butter  
4 eggs, beaten  
200g self-raising flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
2 tbsp milk



##### For the filling

100g butter, softened, 140g icing sugar, sifted  
drop vanilla extract (optional) half a 340g jar good quality strawberry jam  
icing sugar, to decorate

##### Method

**STEP 1:** Heat oven to 190C/fan 170C/gas 5. Butter two 20cm sandwich tins and line with non-stick baking paper.

**STEP 2:** In a large bowl, beat 200g caster sugar, 200g softened butter, 4 beaten eggs, 200g self-raising flour, 1 tsp baking powder and 2 tbsp milk together until you have a smooth, soft batter.

**STEP 3:** Divide the mixture between the tins, smooth the surface with a spatula or the back of a spoon.

**STEP 4:** Bake for about 20 minutes until golden and the cake springs back when pressed.

**STEP 5:** Turn onto a cooling rack and leave to cool completely.

**STEP 6:** To make the filling, beat the 100g softened butter until smooth and creamy, then gradually beat in 140g sifted icing sugar and a drop of vanilla extract (if you're using it).

**STEP 7:** Spread the buttercream over the bottom of one of the sponges. Top it with 170g strawberry jam and sandwich the second sponge on top. Dust with a little icing sugar before serving.

### Term Dates

#### Spring Term 2021

Term Starts : Monday 22 February 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

### Key Worker Attendance

If your child is attending the Key Worker

Provision please report any Key Worker Provision absence school lines open from 8 am every day.

Thank you.



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