

Hello Everyone,

'Time flies when you're having fun!' This is certainly true at Thornton! I cannot believe we have come to the end of another fun filled week and it is the end of week 5. This half term is flying by, There are only two more weeks until the October half-term holiday. As always, the children and staff have been working hard but as well as hard work we like to ensure there are opportunities to 'play hard' and enhance the curriculum with trips and visits. Ms Devi and Mr. Bates took a year 6 mixed football team to Timberly Academy, where they played and **WON** two matches.

The Fire Service came into school to speak with pupils in Year 4 and we were able to present them with some cards made by the children to say a very big thank-you for saving our school.



Year 6 have visited the Black Country Living Museum today. This trip links with their current history topic on the Victorians. I know the children will get a lot out of this visit.

It was lovely to welcome so many parents into school this week for the first of our Parents' Evening meetings. Don't forget that Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October is the second date for Parents' Evening. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have not made an appointment yet.

### Parents' Coffee Morning

Our first parent coffee morning is now on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9am.

This will be held in the school hall and is an opportunity to meet members of the Senior Leadership Team and Inclusion Team. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.



Over the next two week's we are introducing **Year Group Learning Meetings**. These are an opportunity to learn about school life in the year group that your son or daughter attends. In these meetings we will share an overview of the year group's curriculum, explain how Google Classroom works, and share expectations in regards to homework and uniform.

**Year 4 Meeting: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 9:00am – 9:20am**

**Year 6 Meeting: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 9:00am – 9:20am**



Have a great weekend , Mrs Biddle-Rawbone Assistant Headteacher

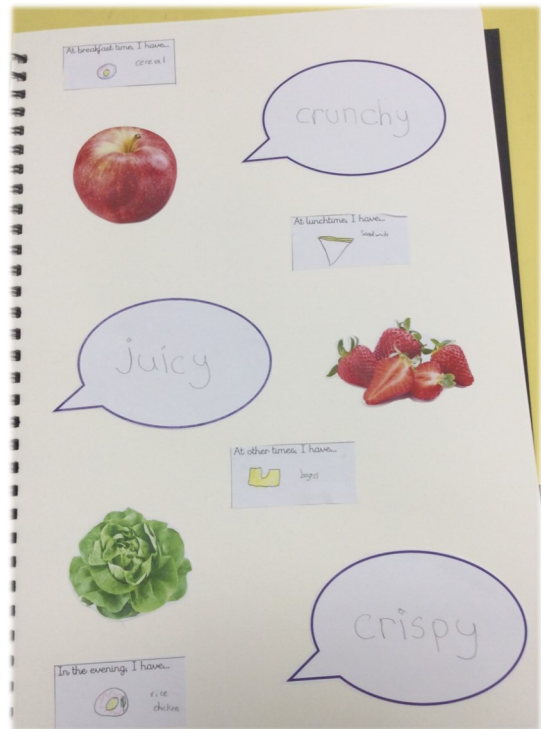
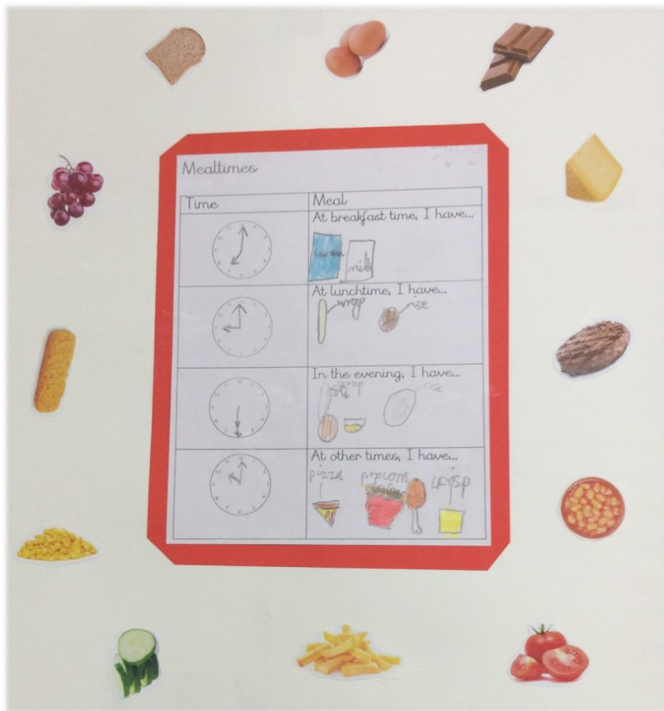
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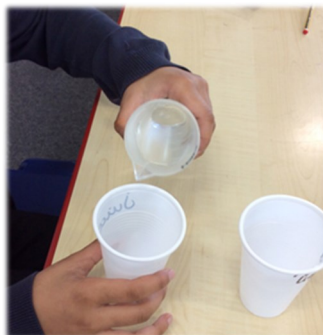
## Year 3

This week in PSHE, Year 3 looked at making healthy food choices. We discussed words we could use to describe different types of food, using our five senses (feel, see, smell, touch, taste). We also discussed foods that we eat at different times of the day. Here is an example of all of the fantastic pieces of work the children have produced.



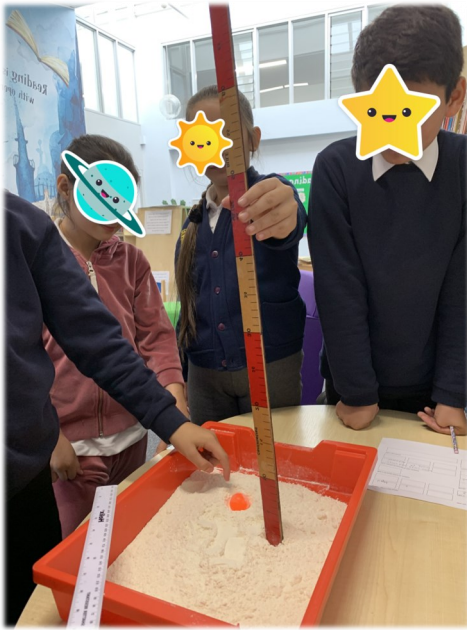
## Year 4

In Science, Year 4 are learning about changes of state and why they take place (condensation and evaporation). Children carried out the evaporation challenge, where they set up an investigation to find out which liquid would evaporate first. They made predictions and planned the investigation thinking about the variables and fair testing. We will observe over time to see what happens to the liquids.

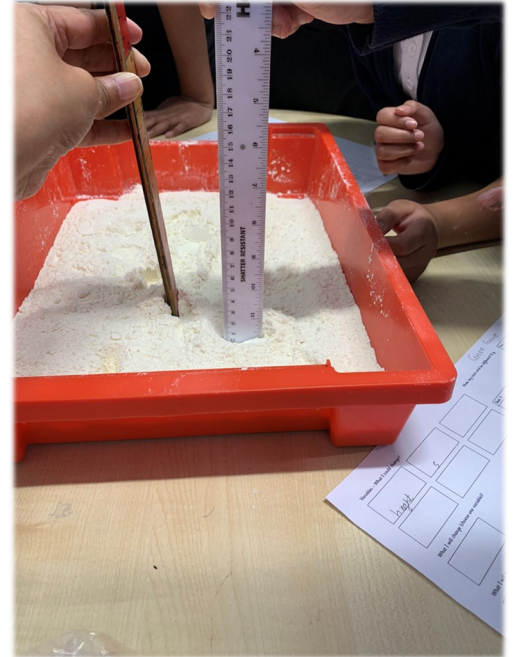




## Year 5



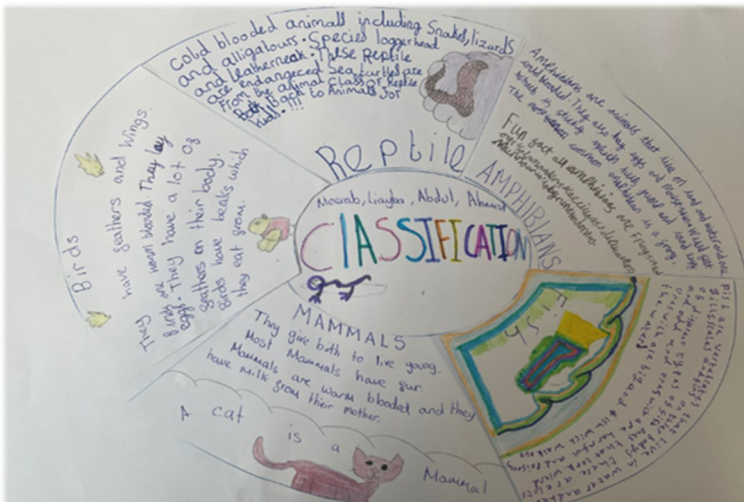
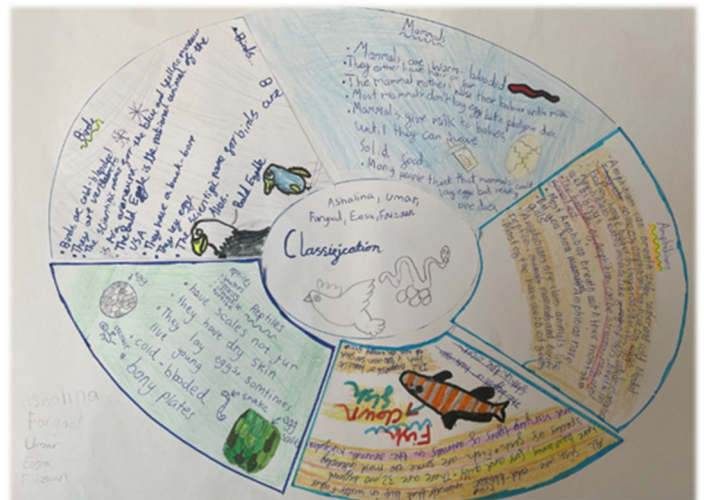
This week Year 5 have carried out two scientific investigations. The first investigation question was 'What is gravity?' We used multilink cubes in stacks of one, two, three and four to test whether a heavier object would fall faster than a lighter object. Children had great fun investigating the effects of gravity. The second investigation question was 'What happens when a crater hits the Earth or the Moon?' We wanted to find out if the height a ball is dropped from affects the depth of the crater. Children used a tray of flour, bouncy balls and a ruler to observe and



measure what happened. Children thoroughly enjoyed working in groups to carry out these investigations.

## Year 6

In Year 6, children have been looking at classification of living things within their science topic. This week they have been studying the five main groups of classification: birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and fish. The children completed some research on each group using the Fox's tool and presented their research to the class.







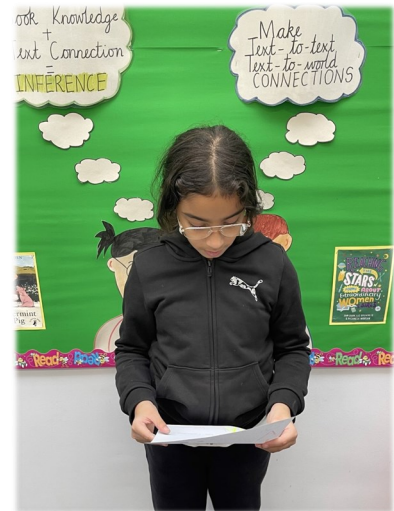
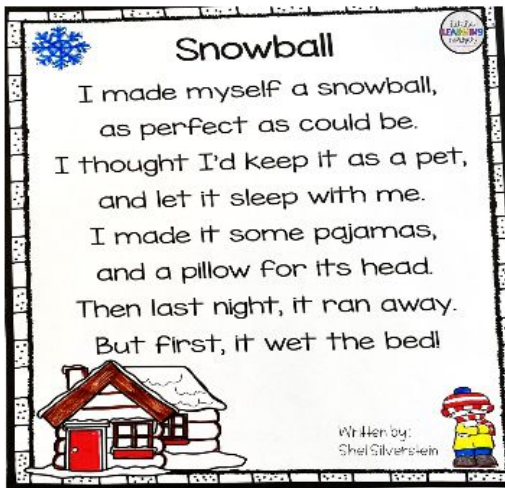
## National Poetry Week

At Thornton Primary we have been practising and performing poetry to celebrate National Poetry week. Our teachers have also been performing poetry to the children their classes and during assemblies.

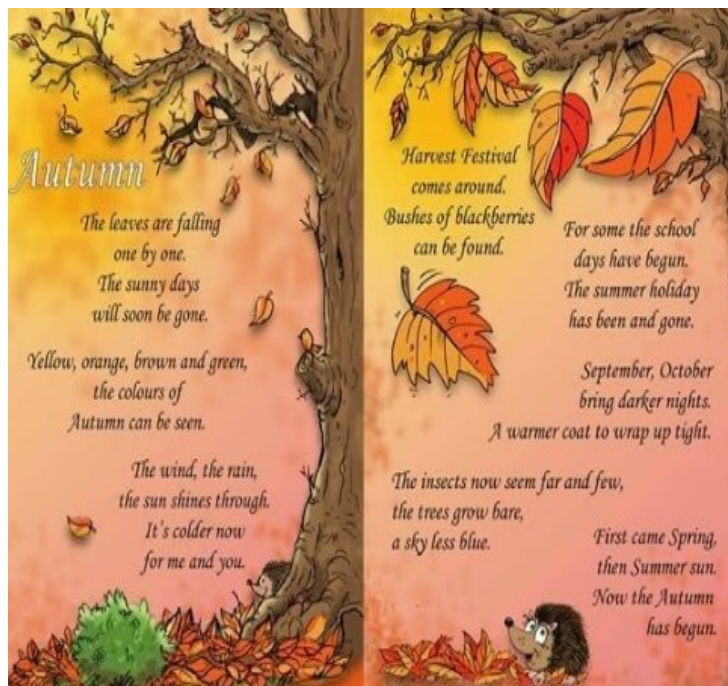


Mr Wearing in year 4 performing the poem Simpson by Joseph Coelho

Year 3 studied the poem Pointless Question by John Agard



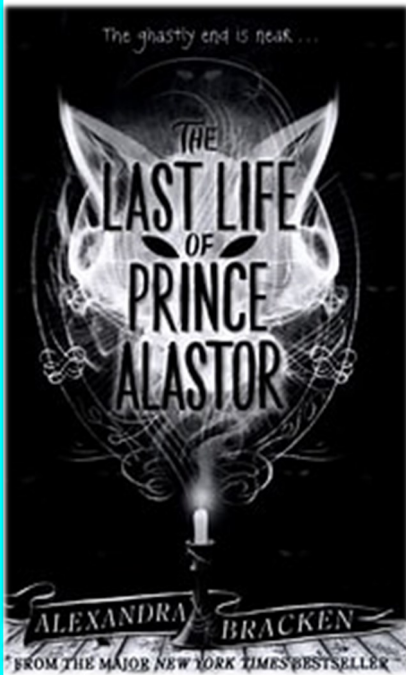
Year 5 studied the Snowball Poem by Shell Silverstone



Year 6 studied the Autumn poem by John Keith in preparation for their Harvest Festival assembly

# Thornton Staff Book Review

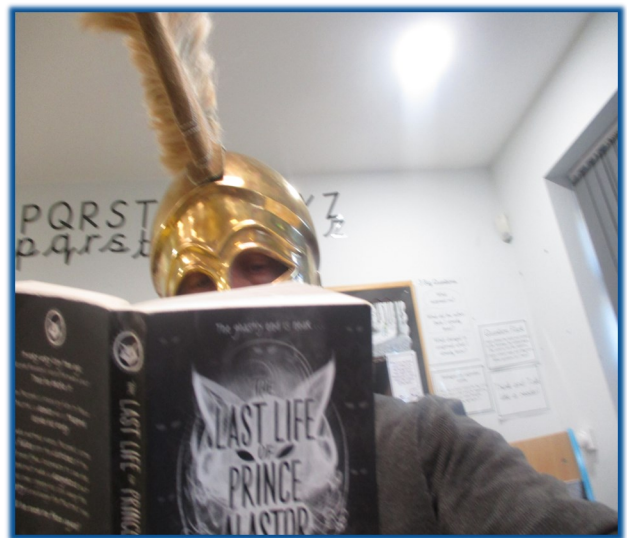
## The Last Life of Prince Alastor by Alexandra Bracken



This book continues the sad tale of an American family whose ancestor made, then broke a pact with a demon, Alestor, who ends up trapped in the body of a boy, Prosper. Prosper's twin sister has been captured by Alestor's sister and the race to rescue her sees both the Demon world and ours put at risk of destruction.

Can Prosper save everyone and everything? Can anyone save Prosper? Can anyone help? The book is full of action and characters who develop and introduce new facts about the world Bracken has created.

**Reviewed by Mr Ryall (Class teacher)**



### 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: **'thoughtful'**

Thoughtful is a word linked to our expectation to be respectful, but why is being thoughtful so important?

***"Being thoughtful is thinking about others. If you think about others then you're less likely to be disrespectful and upset them"*** – Mikaeel 4ZY.

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher

Ready

Respectful

Safe





Handmade Bracelets



Chocolate  
Fountain



Handmade Jewellery



Nail Bar

# Unity Market Stalls



Cupcakes

Other stalls on the day, include, Samosa  
Chaat, Romanian Snacks, Glitter Tattoos,  
Woollen Boots and Mittens  
plus MUCH MORE for all the family



Sweet & Gift Baskets



Handmade Vegan  
Soap



Henna Artist

**Saturday 15th October 12-3pm**

Unity Hub, St Margaret's Church, St Margarets Rd,  
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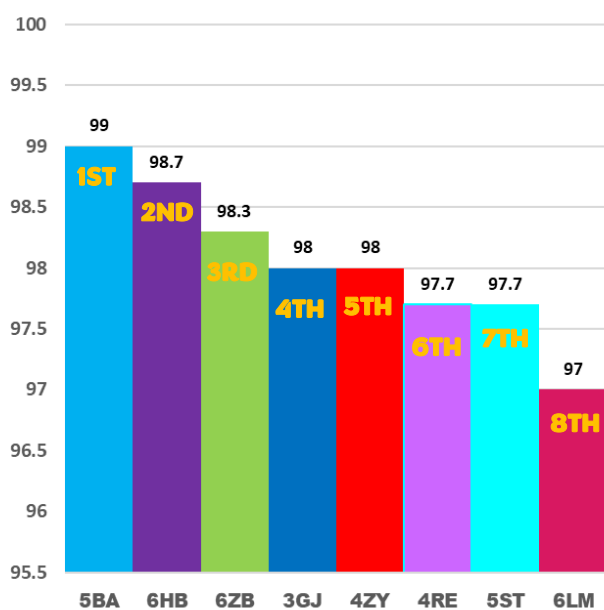
## School Attendance

Our school attendance last week was **95.6%**

### Class Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week: Congratulations to year 6 for having the best year group attendance last week. Thank you to all the parents for working in partnership with us by ensuring your child attends school every day and on time.

### Class Attendance



## ATTENDANCE

### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

#### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 180 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

#### How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

**89% & Below**  
Drastic effect on academic achievement

**95%-90%**  
Cause for concern

**100%-96%**  
Excellent



### ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

#### Autumn Term 2022

Term 1 Ends: Friday 21st October

**Half Term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October**

Term 2 Starts: Monday 31st October

Term 2 Ends: Friday 16th December

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January**

### 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 £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.**

**Breakfast Club must be paid in advance and is £1 per day and 50p for any siblings.**

### PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 10th October**

**Year 3**

**Tuesday 11th October**

**Year 5**

**Wednesday 12th October**  
**Year 4**

**Thursday 13th October**  
**Year 6**

**Friday 14th October**  
**Swimming for classes 4ZY & 5BA**

**Children in 4ZY will need to be in school for 8.25am**

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