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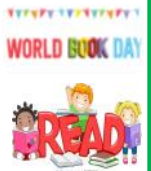
Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a great half term break—even if it was cold and wet. We have a packed half term coming up with Book Week, Science week and lots, lots more. Please take some time to read our newsletters and also visit our website where you can find lots and lots of important news about the school. Next week we are sending out a flow chart to help you know who to talk to if you have a concern about your child. It will help you to speak to the right person at the right time and ensure that we can give you our full attention when we meet with you. Thank you for your co-operation. Have a great weekend everyone.

Sue Simmons, Headteacher.

Thornton's Book Week - Share a Story

As it's World Book Day on Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating Book Week from Monday 2nd to Friday 6th March. Children can dress as a proper book character if they would like to on Friday 6th March. Here are some ideas if you would like some inspiration. <https://bookaid.org/support-us/world-book-day/world-book-day-dress-up/>



We are also asking for children to share stories at home. Please sign the diary every time you and your child share a story together.

There will be prizes for those who make the best effort. In addition to this, we will have a competition in school to create a book character from a wooden spoon. Get thinking about who you'd like to make and how you're going to make them. You can use recycled materials, felt tip pens, paint, fabric: anything you like. I can't wait to see your wooden spoon characters. If that's not enough creativity, you could also create a diorama - take a shoe box or a cereal box and model, paint or craft a scene from a book that you have enjoyed. Bring these in on Friday to show off our skills and imagination.



As always, your child will be receiving a £1 book voucher. These can be exchanged for special World Book Day editions in many shops such as Tesco, WH Smith and Waterstones. Alternatively, you can use them to get a £1 discount on another book. Make sure you take advantage of this to build your child's library. What a great time to visit one of Birmingham's wonderful libraries too.

There will be lots of other fun activities taking place in school during the week to showcase and celebrate our love of reading. We will soon be starting sessions where you can come into our fabulous school library, meet Mrs. Quinn and share books with your children. Our love of reading lasts all year long! Have fun sharing lots of stories.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/play-and-win/competitions/> Lots of competitions throughout the year to be won!

Ms Evans - English Lead

The school newsletter for children, parents and carers of Thornton Primary School.



Year 4 Police Community Support Officer Visit

Through our partnership work with the community we have made strong links with the local PCSO's (Police Community Support Officers). We feel very privileged and excited to announce that one of the local officers, Dani Lothian has kindly offered to give up some of her time to work with us. She will be working with different year groups on a number of things that we cover during our PSHE lessons. She is due to start work with year 4 next week looking at 'Stranger Danger' and in April she will be supporting both pupils and parents with Internet Safety. We look forward to welcoming her into Thornton and having a great relationship with the PCSO's that serve and support the local community.



Dates for your diary

World Book Dress Up Day— **Friday 6th March**

Year 3 Lunt Roman Fort Trip

Eagle Owl 3 – **Friday 6th March**

Great Horned Owl 3 – **Monday 9th March**

Snowy Owl 3 – **Tuesday 10th March**

Tawny Owl 3 – **Thursday 12th March**

Barn Owl 3 – **Friday 13th March**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Animal Lady Visit

Thornton was delighted to welcome Sarah into school on Monday. Sarah used to be a zookeeper and worked for the RSPCA and has a huge collection of animals that she looks after. As part of our science topic about animals, Sarah brought an array of special animals to show us and to share some interesting facts about them. There was a curious rat named Fizz, who uses his whiskers to help him know if he will fit through tight holes, as his whiskers are the same size as his body- if his whiskers fit, he will fit. There was an Australian lizard, a corn snake, a tortoise and an African albino hedgehog we enjoyed learning about all the wonderful creatures and We would like to thank Sarah for coming into school to show us her fantastic animals!



Miss Garnett— Science Coordinator

Class Attendance



Well done! The following classes achieved 97% and above attendance last week.

Year 3 – Tawny Owl 3, Year 4 – Barn Owl 4, Year 5 – Tawny Owl 5, Year 6 – Tawny owl 6, Barn Owl 6 & Eagle Owl 6

Congratulations to **Tawny Owl 3** who won the best class attendance award for Spring Term 1. Well done for achieving 98% class attendance. They will be awarded with a £50 gift voucher to use for a VIP Cinema Experience.



Year 3 and Year 4 Museum

On Friday 14th February, Year 3 and 4 showcased our Roman and Egyptian museum. We are so proud of all the work the children produced and it was amazing to see such a variety of work. Some of the children even brought in some things they had made from home which was fantastic! Thank you so much for all the hard work from the staff, parents and of course the children. It was a great turn out and we hope you all enjoyed it too.



Miss Brown (Year 3) and Mrs Hughes (Year 4) Phase Leaders