



Hello everyone

A warm welcome back after the holiday to **Mrs Roberts** who returns to Thornton following her maternity leave. We are also looking forward to welcoming **Mr Mason**, our new Deputy Headteacher, on Wednesday 9th June as he joins us each Wednesday over the summer term before starting full time in the new academic year. Please make sure you introduce yourself and say hello to him if you spot him on the playground at the start and end of each Wednesday!

What a privilege it was to visit Sladefield Infant School today to meet the Year 2 children. A huge thank you for the warm welcome, inquisitive questions and excellent manners from the children (and staff!). **We are very much looking forward to welcoming Year 2 from Sladefield** after the holidays for their covid-safe visits to see our school and have some fun!

We have been getting ready this week for a super busy half term after the holidays, with lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the children as well as lots of celebrations. We will be sharing more information about this after the holiday, including news about how we will be running our next parents' evening.

Please make sure you encourage your child to check out their class' **Google Classroom** page online to find out about the optional **holiday homework** they may wish to complete next week. Teachers have included links to priority areas of the curriculum that have already been taught and can be further practised at home to strengthen knowledge and understanding, as well as **creative curriculum homework** activities linked to exploring next half term's topics to get an exciting flavour of what's to come!

I hope you have a lovely holiday and manage to get time outdoors to enjoy the beautiful weather that we are hopefully going to experience next week! We look forward to seeing everyone back in school at the usual staggered drop-off times on **Monday 7th June**.

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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COVID- 19 UPDATE

Firstly, I want to thank you for all your help in keeping our school community safe during the Covid-19 pandemic. Your efforts are very much appreciated. However, we must emphasise that although the cases of Covid-19 are thankfully reducing, the pandemic is not over and we need your support and help to further ensure the safety of our school community. If your child has any symptoms of Covid-19 and you are asked to take them for a PCR test, it is extremely important that you comply with this request. The three main Covid-19 symptoms of a new, continuous cough, high temperature and loss/change of taste/smell. Unlike the rapid home tests, PCR tests will also detect new variants and so it is important that a PCR test is taken if someone has symptoms to help stop the spread.

We fully understand that the pandemic has been long and challenging but we need to ensure that protective measures, such as having tests, isolating when someone in the household has Covid19 symptoms or tests positive, wearing face coverings at the school gates/public places and good hand hygiene are hugely important to help us get back to normal.

If you or someone in your family has Covid-19 symptoms, please get a PCR test by booking online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. If you test positive, good ventilation, avoiding sharing plates, cutlery, mugs or towels, careful cleaning and staying at least 2m apart from household members and, if possible, in a separate room can help stop other people in your family getting it. If you do test positive, you and any close contacts must self-isolate for the 10 days that is legally required to protect others.

If you don't have symptoms, you can order rapid Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) to check if you have Covid-19 as 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 do not have any symptoms but can still potentially spread the virus if they are not aware: [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests). If your child/teenager is at secondary school, please support them to test twice a week using the kits their school will have given them.

REMEMBER: Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) should only be used when a person has no symptoms and a PCR test is required for people with symptoms.

IMPORTANT:

What to do if your child tests positive during the half-term holiday

Parents and carers only need to inform the school of a positive case where the child developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school. This means, if your child develops any Covid-19 symptoms on Friday 28th May, Saturday 29th May or Sunday 30th May, and then tests positive you must inform the school by emailing us: **covidinfo@thornton.bham.sch.uk**

When your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the holidays, having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours since being in school**, you are NOT required to inform school. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

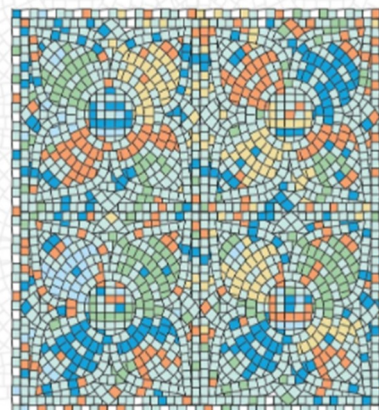
Thank you for everything you are doing to help tackle Covid-19.

Year 3

This week Year 3 children have been making and designing their own mosaic's .They had a square piece of clay, and they added sparkly shapes to create an attractive and unique Roman Mosaic.



ROMAN MOSAIC



Year 4

This week, the children have been writing a fiction story where they save their teacher who has swallowed a pen lid while eating their sandwiches! They all have been able to apply their knowledge of the digestive system and a range of writing features to compose wonderful writing.

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Wednesday 26th May 2021

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In that instance, the children frantically rummaged through the room checking all the cupboards and drawers in search of the particle orb. And at last they finally found it. And quickly, Easa and Farooq spotted Mr Wareing was holding a pencil case and decided to take it. A moment ago Easa, Farooq, and Jamaal were regular sized humans but now they are the size of a minute pencil sharpener thanks to the particle orb. Easa, Farooq, and Jamaal were all feeling pretty confident but the one thing that made them worry was what was going to be inside Mr Wareing's stomach. So to help them with their fear, Mr Wareing said, "I don't mind coming along." Everyone else agreed and in a minute, they were all tumbling down Mr Wareing's oesophagus.

Unfortunately, they landed quite hardly on a piece of hard stale bread. Quickly, the group of 4 started looking all around them for the dull green pen lid. And finally they found it!

Meerab 4TW

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In that instance, the children and Miss Parvin frantically searched for the particle orb in the disorganised cupboard. In a wink of an eye Meerab, Liya, Ashalina, Fozia and Mr Wareing, holding his pencil case and waved their hand over the particle orb. After a sudden blink, a poopy puff of smoke blew and the group had shrunken to a size of a minute sharpener.

After a few minutes Meerab, Liya, Ashalina, Fozia and Mr Wareing tumbled down the oesophagus and all landed on a piece of undigested, stale salad wrap.

I've spotted a bright green pen lid. Shouted Meerab and Ashalina as they said it at the exact same time.

Where Where, Shouted Liya, Fozia and Mr Wareing.

Turn around, groaned Meerab and then Ashalina.

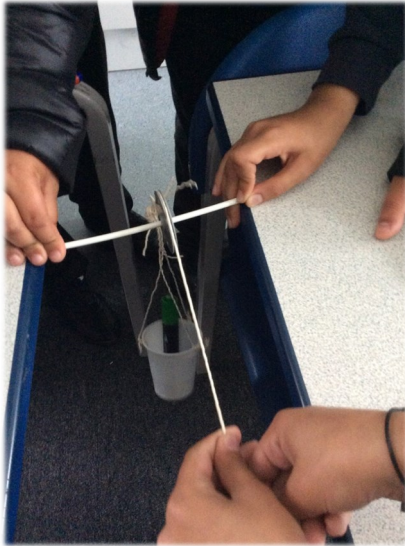
OK, I said Liya and then Fozia and then Mr Wareing.

There it is quick lets paddle! Shouted Mr Wareing.

Paddle, paddle, we are here! Shouted Ashalina joyfully.

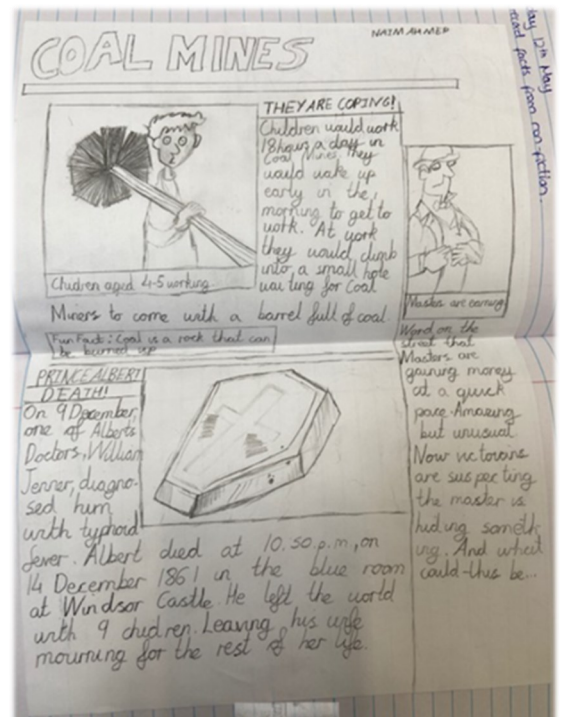
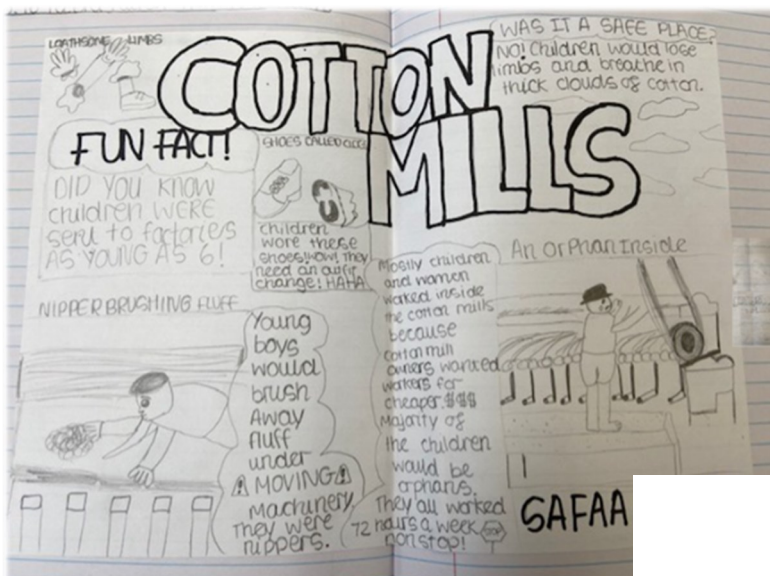
Year 5

This week, year 5 have been constructing simple machines involving a pulley system. The children have learnt how pulleys make work easier by reducing the amount of effort needed to lift a weight because they redirect and increase the force applied. They learned that even a child can lift a heavy weight by using a pulley system. They designed and made their own model drop rides using the pulley system.



Year 6

This week, in year 6, we have been looking at the Victorians! Children have really enjoyed learning about all the weird and wonderful things that the Victorians had to offer. Our last lesson was to create a 'Horrid History' style page to present facts about the Victorians, this meant that children had to find some of the most disgusting and most horrible facts that they could and present them with their wonderful illustrations. Below, we have two great examples from 6NI.



SCHOOL

Attendance

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

Year 3

3SQ –98.3%

Year 4

4SH -98%

Year 5

5TR – 98%

**Last week our whole school
attendance was: 93.7%**

Spring Term and Summer Term Attendance Rewards

All the children who have achieved 98% and above in attendance will receive a Golden Ticket Attendance Silver award! Please look out for more information to follow. next term!



**100% Attendance for the whole
academic year**



Mrs Grace is currently planning an exciting prize for all the children that have achieved 100% attendance this year. These children will qualify for our fantastic Golden Ticket Attendance **GOLD** award...Please look out for more information to follow next term!

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!



Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check June 2021

What is the Multiplication Tables Check(MTC) ?

The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

How does the MTC work?

The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Your child will answer 3 practice questions before moving on to the official check and will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

When will the MTC happen?

Every child in year 4 will have the opportunity to take the multiplication tables check (MTC), in June 2021.

Parent Questionnaire

There are only 4 questions for you to complete.



Scan the QR code and it will take you straight to the parent questionnaire.

How can parents help at home?

Below are some different strategies and websites you can use at home to support your child with their times table knowledge.

		Times Table Rockstars It is an online universe where children can learn their times tables and play against their peers.
		Hit the Button Quick fire questions on number bonds, times tables, division facts, doubling and halving numbers against the clock.
		Multiplication Tables check Click on the assessment and have a go. It is just like the Multiplication Table Check.

The Grammar Schools in Birmingham- Admissions 2022

Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

We write to advise that parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before **4pm on 30th June 2021**. The test will take place on **11th September 2021**.

Parents of current **Year 5** children can register by visiting www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Thank you

Admissions

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PE TIMETABLE

Week Commencing 07/06/2021

Monday 7th June
Year 3

Tuesday 8th June
Year 5

Wednesday 9th June
Year 6

Thursday 10th June
Year 4

Term Dates



Summer Term 1 2021

Term Ends: Friday 28 May 2021

May Half Term Holiday

Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

Summer Term 2 2021

Term Starts: Monday 7 June 2021

Term Ends: Tuesday 20 July 2021

Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 21 July 2021

Reporting Absence to school

If your child is absent from school please telephone before 9am to let us know the reason.



Please give school as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with the school nurse please request a call back from Miss Pegg.
Thank you for your support.

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

School Meals

If you would like to change your child's meal option mid term, please remember this can only be changed at the start of each term.
You must contact the school office prior to doing so.

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 . **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.**

Medical Notice

We have a fully qualified nurse in school who can administer medication prescribed by the GP or purchased over the counter.
Can parents please make sure the medication is clearly labelled with the name and the class of your child. Also parents will need to complete a form which is available from reception or alternatively medical forms are available on our **school website under the parents tab .**

Parents can print either the prescribed medication form or over the counter form at home and bring it to school completed with medication.



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