

Hello everyone

Thank you to everyone for working with us to ensure the safety of the children comes first during the challenging weather conditions last week! It was really heart-warming to see and hear the children's excitement as the **snow** flakes fell.



Year 4 had an exciting start to the week with their trip to a **Buddhist Temple** which was tweeted on the school's twitter account (scan the QR code top right to take a look!).

We are all looking forward to **Science Week** next week and using our investigative skills to show our scientific thinking. Our activities will be shared with you next week. Also coming up, are the following trips:

Monday 27th March 9-11.30am — 5BA & 5ST Kingfisher Country Park walk

Tuesday 28th March 9-11.30am — 5TR & 5NG Kingfisher Country Park walk

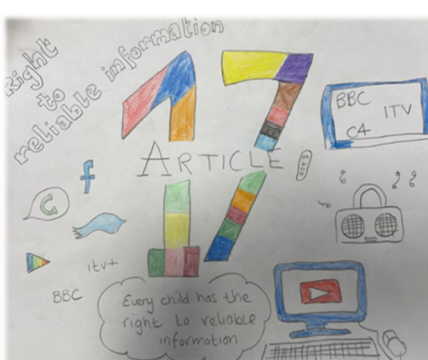
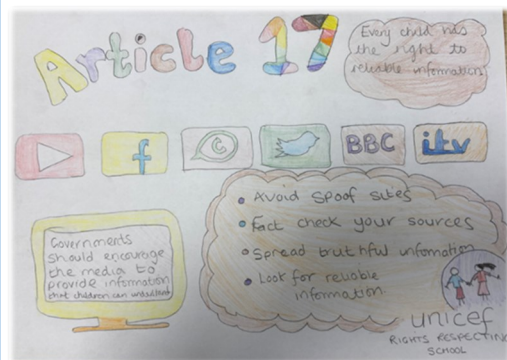
Have a warm weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

This week, we looked at Article 17 which explores children's 'Access to information from the media'. Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources.



We discussed the different types of media we can use find information such as online websites and books. We talked about how we can recognise what a reliable source is.

Article written by
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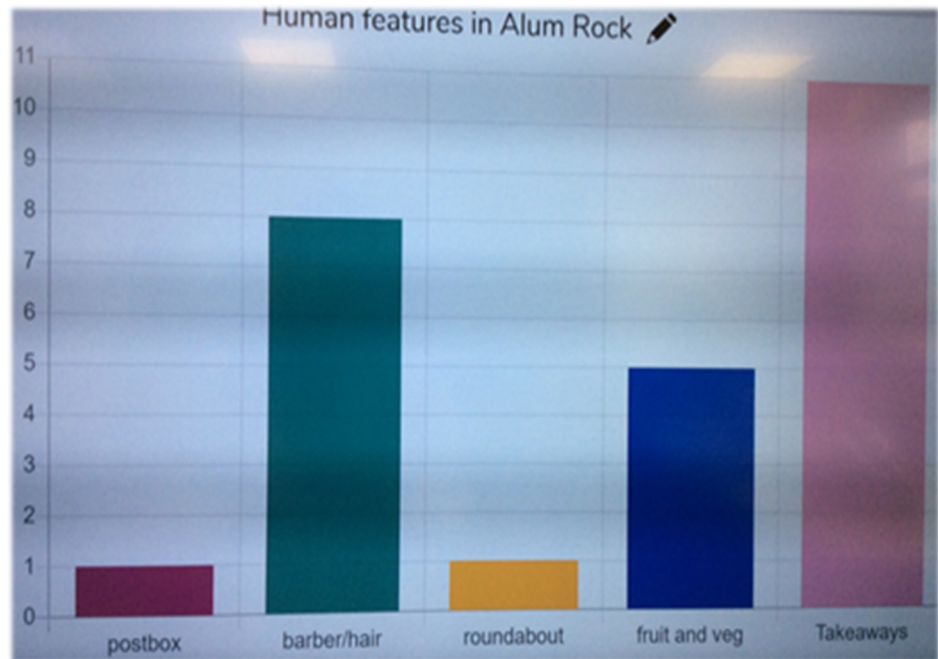


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Year 3



To begin our topic, we went on a **walk in the local area** of Alum Rock to survey the human features in the local area. Before our walk, we created a tally chart to record our observations. We spotted lots of human features, such as road crossings, roundabouts, post boxes, bus stops and lots of shops and businesses! We were surprised by the number of barbers/hairdressers and the number of fast food shops!



Year 4

On Monday and Tuesday, Year 4 visited **Birmingham Peace Pagoda**. They enjoyed listening to a brief talk about the history of Pagoda's and looking at a range of artefacts. The children asked relevant and respectful questions to gain further knowledge about Buddhism.



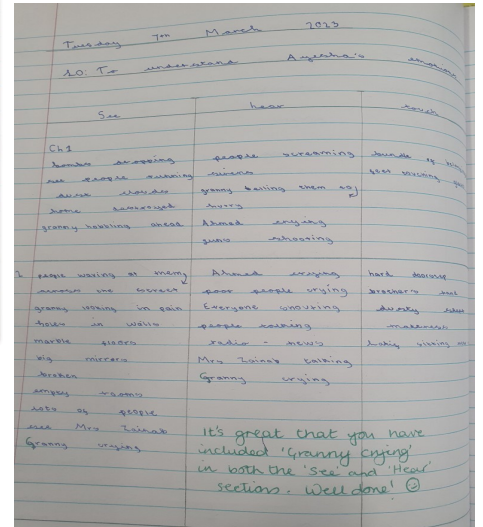
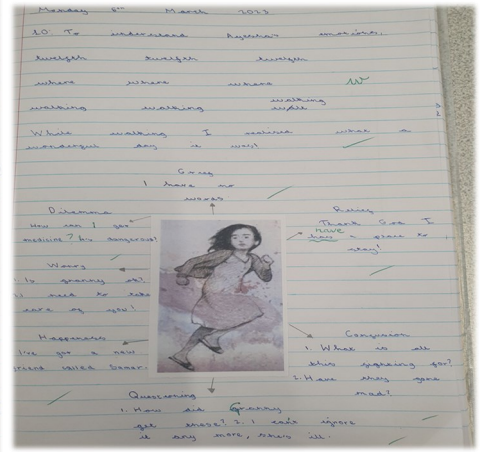
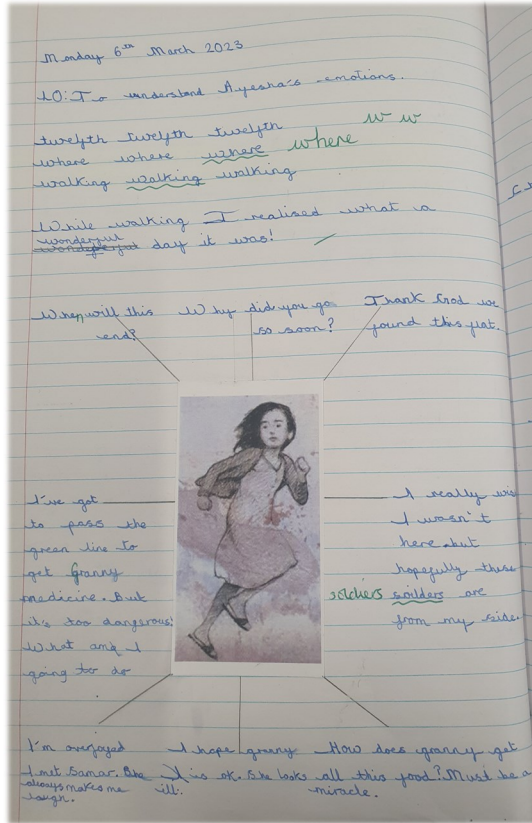
Year 5

We are reading **Oranges**
in No Man's

Land by Elizabeth

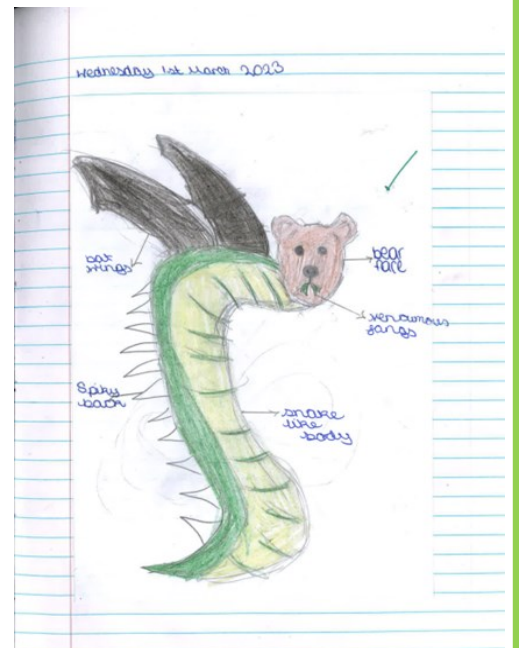
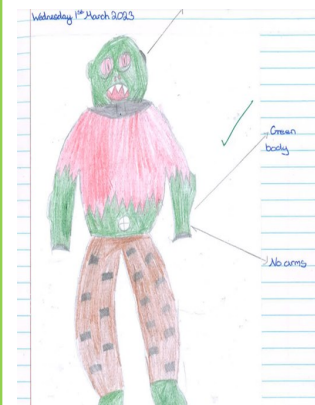
Laird in Year 5. It is the remarkable story of a ten-year-old refugee girl called Ayesha living - or surviving - in Beirut during the civil war. Ayesha faces so many hardships, but she has a resilient character and does all she can to look after her little family while war rages on around them. It made us think about the problems facing refugee children in the Ukraine and other places around the world. This then led to a discussion about all the different UNICEF articles that were related to the story - especially Article 22 which is about refugee

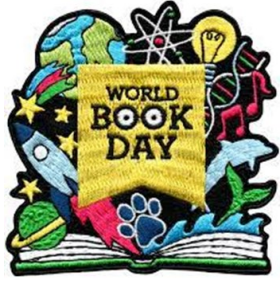
Here are some **examples of** work related to Ayesha's feelings that Maryam, Zainab and Imaan from 5ST produced.



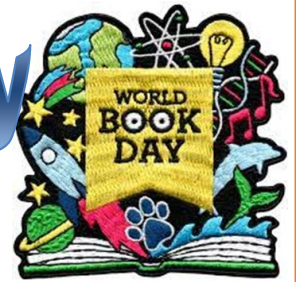
Year 6

In Year 6 this week, we have been looking at creating our own monsters as part of the writing lessons. The children had to create a monster that would adapt to the environment that they had chosen. This linked in with their Science topic too of '**Evolution and Inheritance**'. The children managed to come up with some brilliant ideas and drawings. Please take a look at some of the drawings that the children managed to come up with.

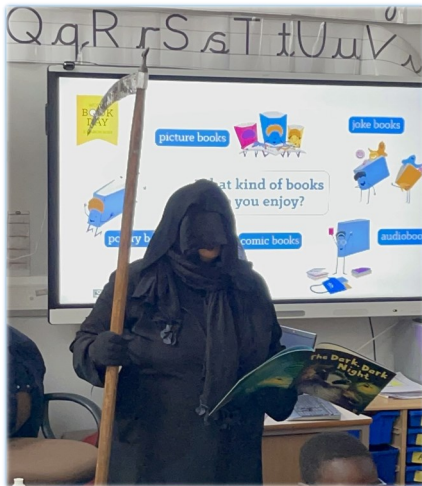




World Book Day



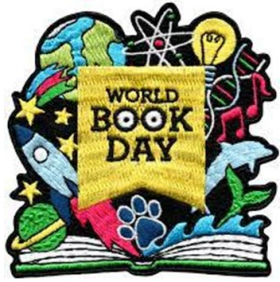
We had a lovely time celebrating **World Book Day** at Thornton. As we are trying to promote reading more and more both in and out of school, we arranged a day packed full of stories and activities linked to them and the children had a different adult, each with their favourite book and activity, visit their class for a reading session.



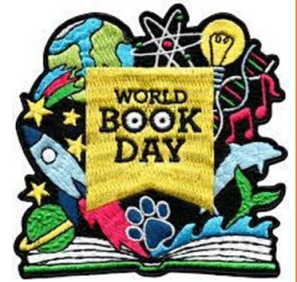
The children also recreated the front cover of their favourite book. There was some fantastic designs across the school. However, Aasiya from 4MJ and Zainab from 5ST designs really stood out.



Thank you to parents/ carers who helped design some phenomenal World Book Day costumes – some of the best we have seen to date! The '3D models' and 'Reading River' homework projects were just as amazingly creative. All the children made a fantastic effort and it was a difficult job to choose the top winners for each category but we managed to narrow it down. Take a look at the winning designs overleaf!



World Book Day Costume Competition Winners



Farhan 5ST WALL-E



Abdul- Ahad 5ST Little Bad Man



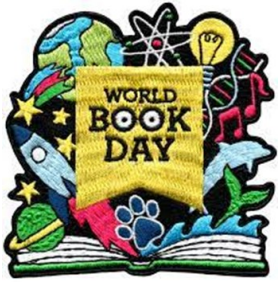
Amelia 3GJ Cruella



**Haala 5NG
Demon Dentist**

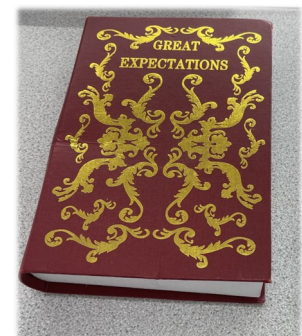
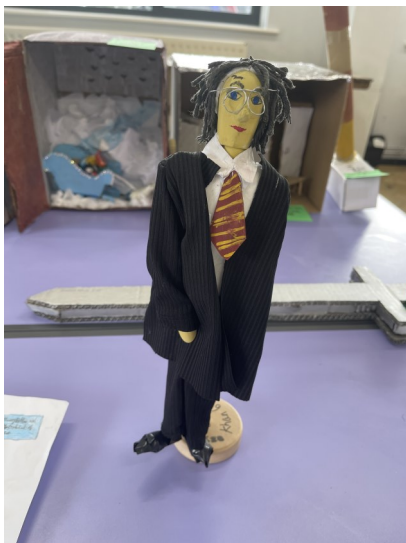
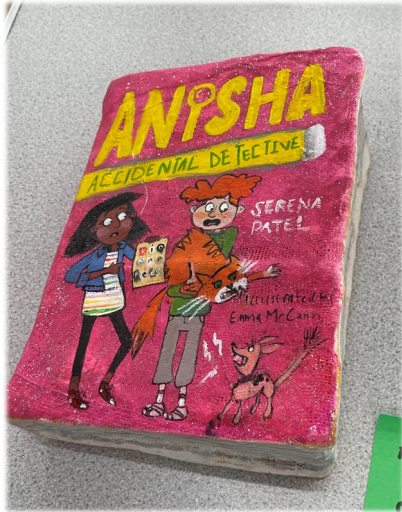
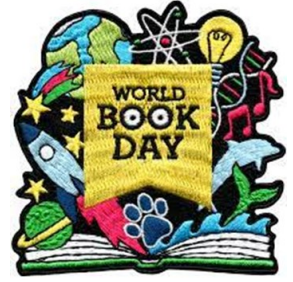


**Laiba 6NI
Mad Hatters Cafe**



3D Model Competition Winners

A selection of the winning 3D models



The following pupils were awarded for the most creative 3D model of a character/ object from one of their favorite books.

Alyzah 3SQ

Anah 5TR

Yusuf 6HB

Aiyda 3DR

Liyana 5TR

Inayah 6HB

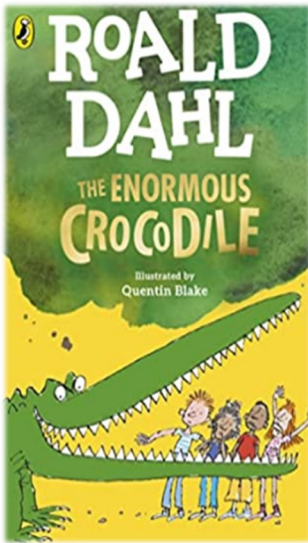
Ziyad 4MJ

Eliza 6HB

Abdul 6HB

Thornton Staff Book Review

The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl

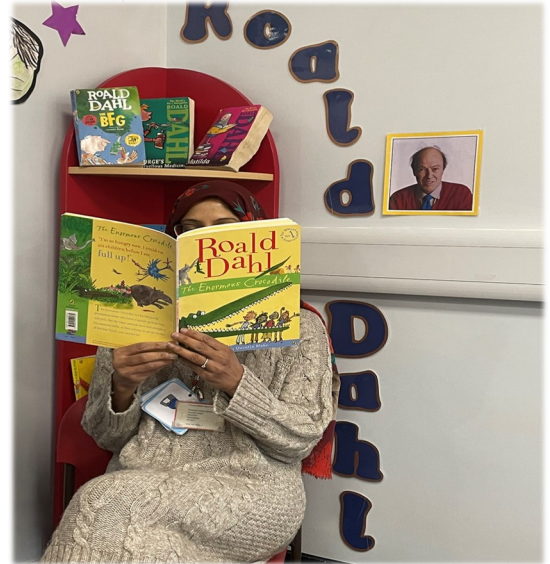


This is a funny book about a greedy crocodile who loves to eat juicy little children! The enormous crocodile comes up with a cunning plan involving some tricks; however, the jungle animals want to foil his plans...

The greedy crocodile wanders around the jungle telling the animals what he is up to... "I'm going to fill my hungry empty tummy with something yummy, yummy, yummy!" Everybody is on his menu, from Humpy-Rumpy, the hippopotamus, to the Roly-Poly Bird.

This is a funny and witty story by Roald Dahl with classic illustrations by Quentin Blake. If you want to find out if the crocodile eats the children, you will have **to read it!**

Reviewed by: Miss Younis



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: '**resilience**'

Resilience is a word linked to our expectation to be ready, because to be ready to learn you need to be prepared to face some setbacks along the way. As Alaina in 4TW nicely puts it,

"Showing resilience is being determined to learn even when things get hard."

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher



Science at Thornton



SCAN ME! Scan and follow our new science Padlet for all things science! Here we will be sharing all the great work our Thornton scientists have been doing throughout the year and sharing all the latest science news from around the school. Support your child and follow!

SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



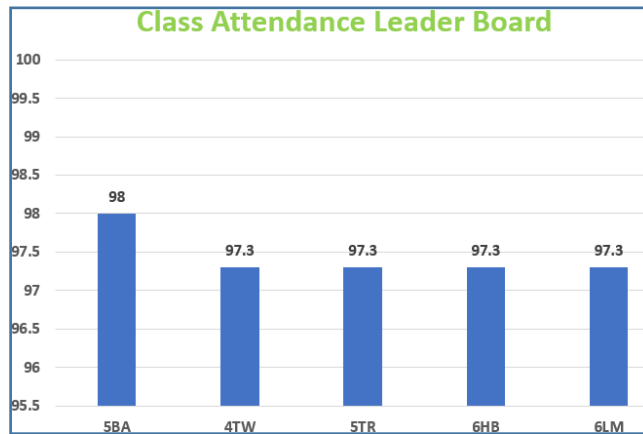
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School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well done to all the classes who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week .



Our school attendance for last week was **94.8%**

Golden Ticket Initiative

How will the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

Thornton Primary School have introduced the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative again this academic year for all pupils. Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat!

Spring Term Silver Award – Pupils need to achieve **98%** above to **qualify** - The winners will be announced at the start of the Summer term 1.

Summer Term Gold Award – Pupils need to achieve **100%** for the **for the whole academic year to qualify**. More exciting information will be announced soon. **Good Luck Everyone!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

Story Time Workshop

Friday 17th March

3.45pm — 4.15pm

Collect a ticket in advance from Reception to attend the family story time workshop.

Term Ends:

Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 1 starts:

Monday 17th April 2023

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PE TIMETABLE

Monday 13th March

Year 3

Tuesday 14th March

Year 5

Wednesday 15th March

Year 4

Thursday 16th March

Year 6

Friday 17th March

**Swimming for classes
4MJ & 5TR**

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

Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, **nut free** snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time.

Strictly no nuts are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies.

Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates.

Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime!



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