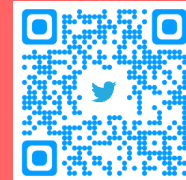




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09/05/2025

Hello everyone

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend the time to talk coffee morning on Monday, it's a great opportunity to catch up with other parents and also have a chat with the school's senior leaders. Our next time to chat coffee morning is planned for Monday 2nd June 8.45-9.30am.



Everyone in the #thorntonfamily is wishing Year 6 the very best of luck for next week as they show the world all the knowledge and skills they have learned up to now! **We know they will be amazing and shine brightly because they have worked so hard!** **Don't forget, Year 6 will be receiving VIP treatment every morning next week from Monday to Thursday - they can come to school from 8am to join in the special Year 6 breakfast and 'chill out' time, and enjoy being served by the glamorous Year 6 Teaching Staff and Senior Leaders!**



There are lots of resources on the **My Happy Mind parent app** that you can use to **support your child's positive mental health and well being at home**, particularly when they are feeling anxious, dysregulated or just need a bit of positivity. Please use this QR code to access the app and then use the authentication code, emailed to you today in a letter, to access the resources. This is an excellent, **NHS endorsed**, resource that is recommended for primary aged children so please take a moment to explore it and find out how it can help your child. Thank you.



On Thursday 15th May, Miquil, our school caterer, will be hosting a Special Menu for all the pupils that have a school meal. Please take a moment to look on the back page for details about the exciting food on offer and to find out how to book your child a meal if they currently bring sandwiches to school. The cost of the meal is £2.60.

Have a great weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Earth Day

Earth Day takes place every year on April 22 to show support for the protection of the environment and our planet.

Since 1970, Earth Day has brought together people, governments and companies from around the world, supporting them to do something positive for the environment.

It promotes the fact that 'change starts with action' and we can all take action and encourage others to take action that positively impacts on the world around us.

Article 6 (life survival and development)

Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.

Article 24 (health and health services)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Hakeem 4TW

- have separate boxes for recycling and bins
- NEVER litter
- Religious environments need to be clean
- Do recycling
- Put rubbish in bins
- Don't put rubbish in sea
- Never steal



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LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT



HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace

Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason

Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle Rawbone and Mrs Mazza

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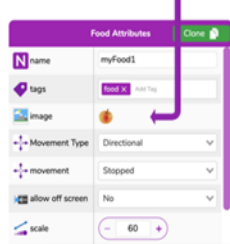
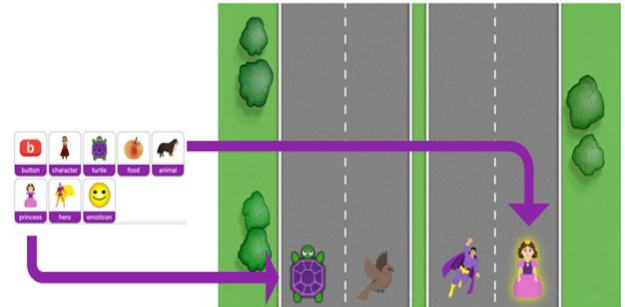
Year 3

Year 3 have been busy this week! We have been looking at hidden 2D shapes in images of **Ancient Egyptian** art. We then used our observational drawings to create 3D sculptures using clay. Children developed their moulding and carving skills, to create patterns and textures. They had lots of fun!

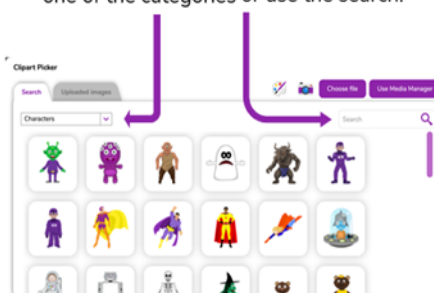


Year 4

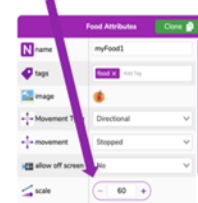
This week in Computing lessons, Year 4 children have been creating their own program in **Free Code Chimp** using **objects** with different actions. The first step was to click on 'Design' and design their **scene**. They had to set the **background** and choose **objects** for the **scene**.
Your challenge: Scan the QR code and log into Purple Mash to make your own computer program using 2Code.



Choose a new image from one of the categories or use the search.



Use the **attributes** table to set the scale.



Year 5

This term, Year 5 have been looking to the art of Renaissance painter Pieter Bruegel the Elder and the contemporary artist Lubaina Himid for inspiration.

The children attempted to create 3D pieces which can be enjoyed individually or as a group installation.

Here is 5ST's work...enjoy!



Year 6

As part of our topic this term, **Darwin Delights- Evolution and Inheritance**, Year 6 pupils completed research about Mary Anning, a paleontologist (an expert in fossils) and presented their findings as fact file. Some of the research areas included:

Who was Mary Anning?

Why did she become a fossil hunter?

What was Mary Anning's first discovery?

Pupils have crafted some amazing reports!

MARY ANNING

Who was Mary Anning?
Mary Anning, who was born on the 21st of May 1799, was an English fossil collector, dealer and palaeontologist. She became well known internationally for her discoveries in Jurassic marine fossil beds in the cliffs along the English Channel, at Lyme Regis in the county of Dorset, Southwest England.

Why did she become a fossil hunter?
When Mary was younger, she was very interested in fossils. She used to sell them with her father until she began play. Richard Anning (her father) had a dreadful fall and passed away in November 1810.

After her father's death, Mary continued her fossil hunting to support her family and help pay off debts. Then one day her and her brother Joseph discovered something amazing.

What was Mary Anning's first discovery?
Mary Anning's first discovery was an Ichthyosaur, a marine reptile that lived millions of years ago. She made this discovery when she was 12 with her brother, Joseph.

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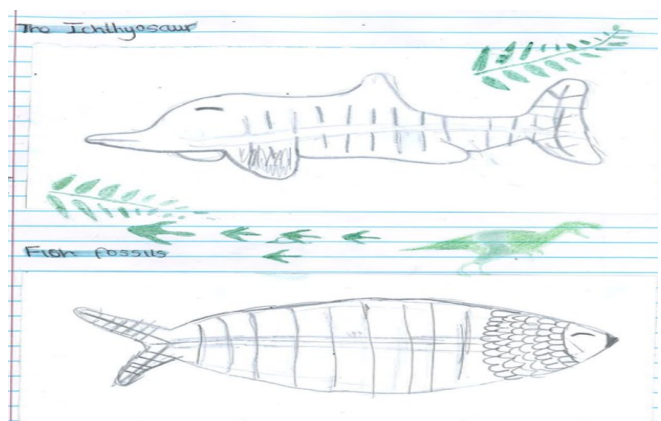
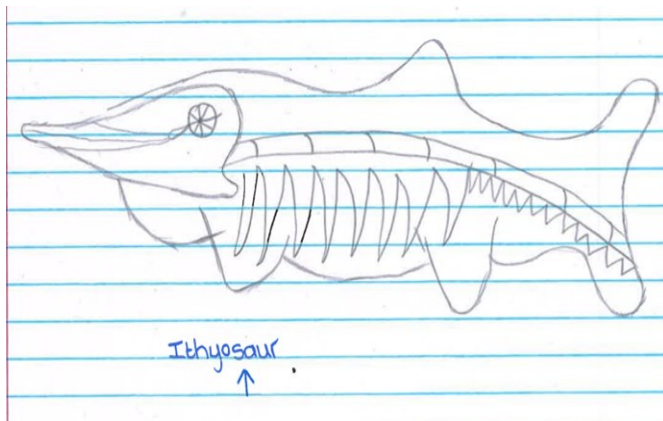
Her first discovery (which she became famous for) was the Ichthyosaur, this fossil was found in 1811 with the help of her brother Joseph.

Ichthyosaur

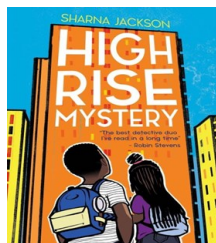
This was known to be a crocodile because of its skeletal shape but was later on a aquatic reptile.

Ammonites

This is a shell of the animal cephalopods this also was a sea animal (mainly found on beaches).



Author of the Month 'May'



Sharna Jackson

I'm an award-winning, bestselling author and Artistic Director who creates work for children and young people. I'm trying to help kids thrive – especially those who are disengaged, disadvantaged and generally don't think arts, culture, reading and writing is for them.

It is. I'll make it so.

I was born and raised in Luton, lived in Brighton, London, Kent and Sheffield but now, I write from Rotterdam on my old ship – Anna Maria was built in 1897.

Before writing books full-time, I had a wide range of jobs including the founding Creative Director at Hopster and I created the Tate Kids website, back in 2007. In 2013, The Bookseller named me as one of their Rising Stars – alongside Hellie Ogden at WME, who is now my agent. It was clearly meant to be.

Fun Facts!

- Sharna Jackson is a British writer of children's fiction.

- Jackson is also an influential curator in the arts, including working with Tate, Victoria and Albert Museum and Design museum in London, and working as artistic director for Site Gallery in Sheffield from July 2018 to November 2020, engaging children in developing digital initiatives in the arts.

- *High-Rise Mystery* was shortlisted for the [Waterstones Children's Book Prize](#) in 2020.

Scan the QR code below to access
Sharna's Website!





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The cost is £2.60 per meal and will need to be paid using ParentPay our online payment system. Thank you.

School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well Done to 5ZY for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

Our school attendance last week was 93%

Why is good punctuality important...

Being at school every day from 8.30am is important to your child's education. They benefit from well planned sequences of lessons designed to ensure that they make the best possible progress. If they are frequently late this learning is disrupted and makes it difficult for your child to keep up.

Being at school early means that they are ready for the start of lessons and alert and ready to learn. Children who arrive late are often tired and miss the very important explanations at the start of lessons by teachers. Thank you to all the parents and carers for working in partnership with school by ensuring their children arrive to school on time, everyday.



DINE WITH MIQUILL					
Lunch menu for next week					
WEEK THREE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<i>Comfort</i>	<i>Italian</i>	<i>Roasts</i>	<i>AROUND THE World</i>	<i>Talk a Chip</i>
	All Day Breakfast Chicken Sausage, Hash Brown and Baked Beans	Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn and Peppers or Carrots	Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes and Cabbage or Courgettes	Chicken Tikka Toastie With Coleslaw & Salad	Chicken Nuggets with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Baked Beans	Vegetable Pizza with Sweetcorn and Garlic Bread	Cheese Flan with Baked Beans	Vegetable Samosa with Leeks or Broccoli	Vegetable Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily
Freshly made sandwiches and crudites are also available					
DINE Dessert STOP Sweet choices					
	Ice Cream	Vanilla Iced Sponge	Shortbread	Chocolate Cake	Rainbow Cookies
WEEK COMMENCING: 22/04, 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 16/09, 07/10					
Fresh Bread is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly, and Fruit instead of dessert					
MIQUILL					

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 12th May
Year 4

Wednesday 14th May
Year 3

Thursday 15th May
Year 5

Friday 16th May
Year 6

