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Hello everyone



Well, it has been quite a school year! On behalf of the Governors and staff, I would like to thank you sincerely for your support in helping your children with home learning activities since we have been in lockdown. We all know how challenging this has been, as many of you have told us through our regular phone calls home, and admire you for your efforts. We are all very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back in September, including our new Year 3, and wish our Year 6 leavers the very best of luck in their new educational adventures! The global pandemic we are living through has really brought home just how important it is to be kind to one another and care for each other, and this is something we will focus on when the children return in September. There will be lots of changes to the layout of classrooms and the school site for everyone to get used to in order to ensure the safety of all, as well as a few staff changes to.

Goodbye and good luck!

Sadly, this term we are saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Simmons who is leaving Thornton to begin a new job. I know you will join Governors and staff in wishing her all the best in her new role and in thanking her for her commitment to Thornton over the past 5 years. From September 2020, I am privileged and humbled to be leading the school as the Acting Headteacher whilst Governors begin the process of recruiting a permanent Headteacher.

Goodbye and good luck also to Mr Williams, Year 5 Phase Leader, Ms Aktar, Pastoral Manager, and Mrs Quinn, Learning Resources Manager: we hope they all remember that whilst they are leaving the school, they will always be part of our Thornton Family.



Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Hussain who is returning to Thornton after the birth of her beautiful baby boy.

Welcome!

Mrs Ahmed is joining us to take the lead in Year 5 as the Head of Year 5. She is a very experienced teacher who we know will fit perfectly into our team to ensure our children get the very best education.

Congratulations!

We are really proud of Miss Shaheen! She has been successful in her application to be seconded one day per week to the Local Authority's Communication and Autism Team. This means she will be able to bring all her new and valuable knowledge back into school regularly to further support the great work that her Inclusion Team already do in school to support our SEND pupils,



Opening to ALL PUPILS in September

We are currently making plans to fully reopen to ALL PUPILS in September. I have written to you at the start of this week to share some information with you about how this will work and the changes we will be making, such as staggered drop-off and pick-up times, and classes staying in 'bubbles' of 30 children and not mixing with other 'bubbles'. Please do look at the copy shared on the website if you have been unable to read the letter posted home. I will contact you again during the summer holidays, using text messages and the school website, to update you once we receive further government guidance and to reassure you about all the protective measures we are taking so that we can ensure the safety of all pupils and staff remain a priority. In the meantime, please note that we are currently expecting **ALL PUPILS TO RETURN ON THURSDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER** (the same day as all pupils return to Sladefield Infant School).

That just leaves me to wish everyone a happy summer holiday. I hope that you get chance to enjoy some sunshine and fresh air and make some happy memories with your loved ones.

Take care, and stay safe.

Mrs Grace

Year 3 Teacher's Message



Hi everyone! Can you believe we have come to the end of the school year? What a crazy year it has been! Whenever I call up children from my class to talk to them, many children are talking about all the time they have been spending in their garden and helping with the gardening. I thought this week it would be a great idea to add to that and get the garden ready for the summer holidays! Miss Brown

Year 3 Activity

Decorate A Plant Pot

I want you to decorate a plant pot that you can have in your garden or inside if, you don't have a garden.

You could paint them into different animals like this picture.



Don't forget to post photos of your decorate Pots on Twitter!



You will need:

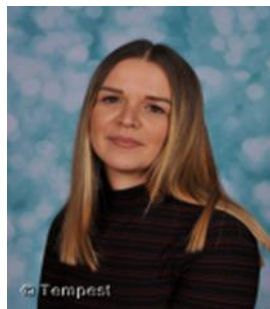
A plain plant pot, Paint, Materials to stick on (if you want)

You could just paint any patterns you want on there.



You could even stick things on there!

Year 4 Teacher's Message



Hi,
It is Miss Hughes here. I just wanted to thank the children, parents and staff for a wonderful first year at Thornton, even though it has been a very strange year for all of us. I can't wait to get a little normality back in September. I have missed seeing all the children around school laughing and smiling. I hope you all have a summer filled with fun and good memories. Remember you can still use Reading Plus, MyMaths and TT Rockstars over the summer and if you are starting Year 4 I am looking forward to seeing your home learning projects in September. See you soon. From Miss Hughes

Year 4 Activity

Indoor Den

Have you discovered a new book? Why not create an indoor den using cushions, blankets and teddies! Once you have built your den, climb inside, get comfortable and read your favourite book!



Year 5 Teachers' Message

Don't forget to post
photos of your Art work
on Twitter !



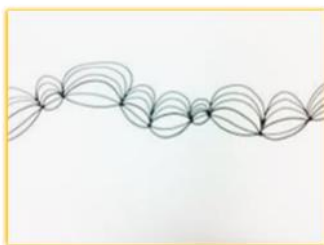
I hope that you are all safe and well. We are all missing you terribly and can't wait to see you back at school in September.

Year 5 Activity

This week we have an activity for you which will help you make a really cool piece of art.

Make sure you have a sharp pencil and some different

1. Start by drawing a wiggly line across your page.
2. Draw curved lines on top of the curves you have already
3. Drawn so it begins to look like the image below.
4. Keep going until you have filled your page.
5. Choose three different colours and gently shade each different section.



Year 6 Farewell Picnic



What an exciting yet sad week it has been with all the farewell picnics taking place. We were glad to have one final opportunity to say our goodbyes before you head off to secondary schools. We

cannot believe how much you have all grown and matured over the last few months. We can see that you are ready for the next chapter in life. We hope you liked your leavers gift and the sweet messages and photo memories we sent you home with. Hopefully, in the future you will look back at them and remember what a special year group you were. We will really and truly miss you!

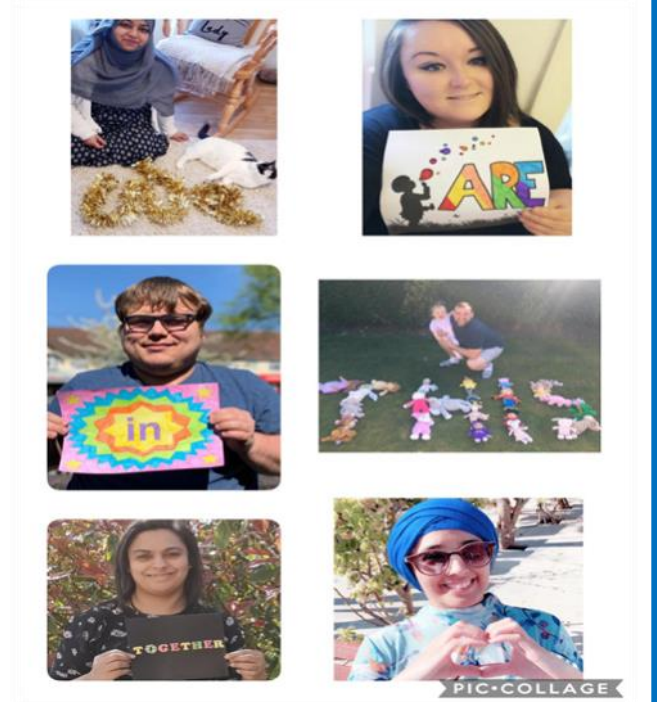


Goodbye Year 6!!!



Inclusion Team

Hi everyone! We have reached the end of another school year – we are incredibly proud of you all! We have loved catching up with you on the phone and in person, chatting about your adventures during lockdown. We are looking forward to a brighter and happier year when we return to school in September.



SEND Activity of the week

Hand Prints

Can you make a family picture to remember this time using hand prints? You could use paint or draw around the hands of family members in your house. Maybe you could write 5 things you have enjoyed while spending time at home.



Information for Parents/Carers

We will be uploading some parent advice sheets for Speech and Language to support home learning over the Summer. These have been especially designed for Thornton so we are incredibly lucky to have such an informative resource.

Please have a look on our Inclusion Information for Parents (COVID-19) page to find advice sheets for:

- **Developing Expressive Language**
- **Developing Vocabulary**
- **Using a Word Map to Develop Vocabulary**
- **Supporting Sentence Building using the Colourful Semantics Approach**

Don't forget to post photos of your Hand Prints on Twitter !

