

Hello everyone

A very BIG thank you to everyone who was able to attend the **Year Mathematics workshop** for parents and carers this week on Monday. It was lovely to see such a good turnout and to share information about the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check for 2025 in June.

Here are some important dates for you:

Monday 2nd June- Children return to school at the normal time (from 8.30am and by 8.45am at the latest)

Monday 2nd June 8.45-9.30am- Time to Talk coffee morning for all parents/carers

Friday 6th June—Authorised absence for all children celebrating Eid (Children who do not celebrate Eid must still come to school as normal)

Monday 9th June 9-9.30am— Year 3 Eid Assembly for all Year 3 parents/carers

Wednesday 11th June— 3.45-6.15pm Parents Evening appointments 1/2

Friday 13th June— Year 6 Drayton Manor trip

Tuesday 17th June— Year 6 Graduation photos

Wednesday 18th June— 3.45-6.15pm Parents Evening appointments 1/2

Please make a note of the following - **Monday 30th June is our next Teacher Training Day and the school will be closed to ALL children**. Children are expected to return to school on Tuesday 1st July from the usual time of 8.30am.

Hopefully, everyone should have received an entry sheet for the competition **to design the front over of the 2025-2026 Homework Planner**! Mrs Grace is excited to see the entries handed in by the deadline of **Monday 2nd June**. Next year's homework planner will focus on our school's 5 values:



Equality
Aspiration
Resilience
Teamwork
Honesty



Thornton's Musical Word of the Month

melody: a series of notes creating a distinctive and memorable sequence (often referred to as 'the tune')



And finally, the **online system for booking parents' evening (after the holidays) is open now** for you to make your appointment to see your child's class teacher and celebrate the successes of this year!

Have a great ONE WEEK holiday everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace

Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason

Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle Rawbone and Mrs Mazari

Chair of Governors—Mr Subat Ali



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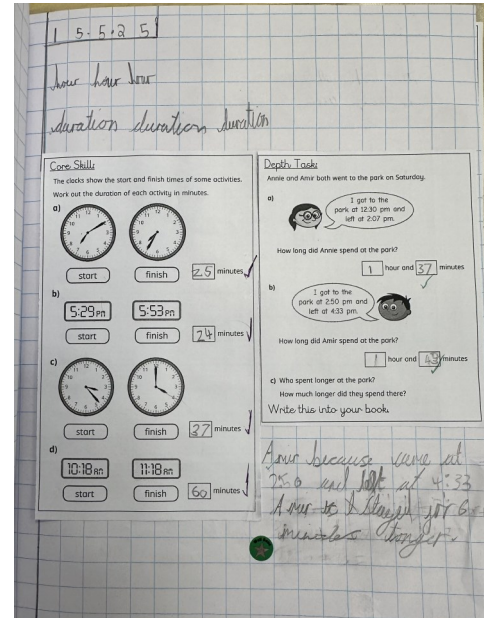
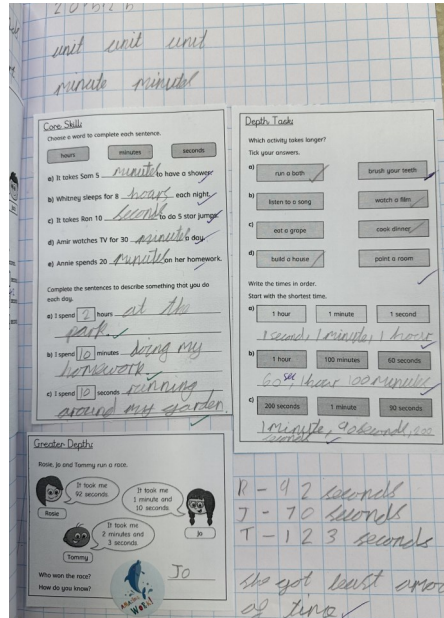
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Year 3

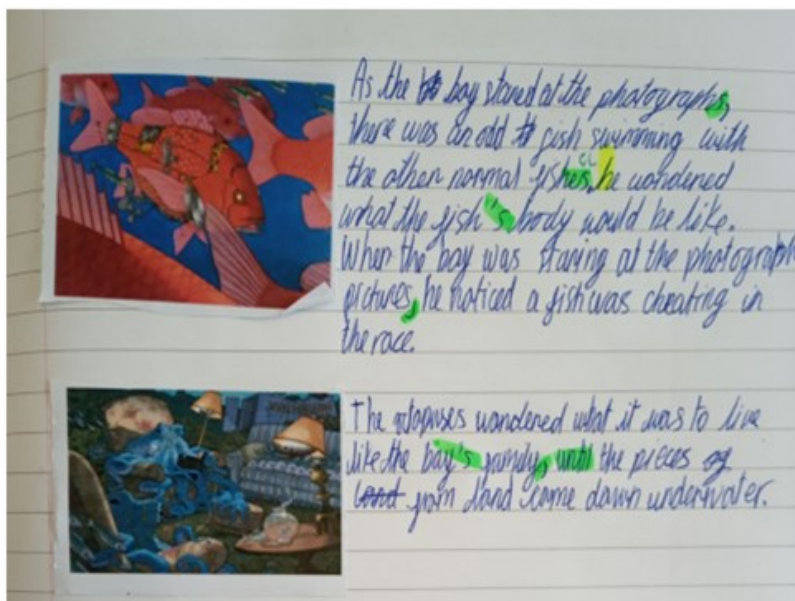
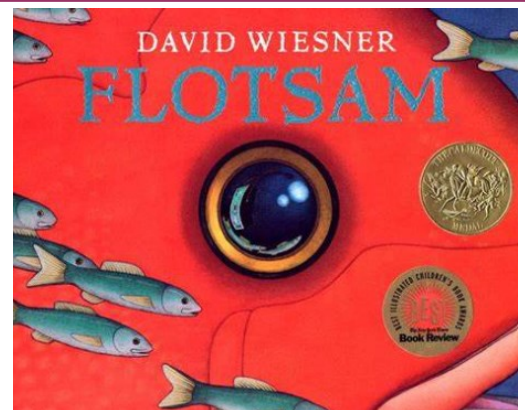
In mathematics, the children have been learning about time by exploring **seconds, minutes, and hours**. They have discussed the duration of various activities and applied this understanding to their own experiences. For example, estimating how many seconds it takes to brush their teeth, how many minutes it takes to eat lunch, or how many hours they spend at school. This has enabled them to make meaningful connections between time and everyday routines. During lessons, they have also utilised clocks to develop their ability to tell the time. The children engaged enthusiastically throughout these activities and have gained a solid understanding of time concepts.



Year 4

Year 4 have produced fantastic writing using the pictures from **David Weisner's book Flotsam**. The book contains illustrations of underwater life with no text to accompany them.

The children have shown their excellent understanding of drafting sentences with singular possession. Well done, Year 4!



Year 5

Year 5 have just started work on Topic 6, **looking at farms and growing, as well as where our food comes from.**

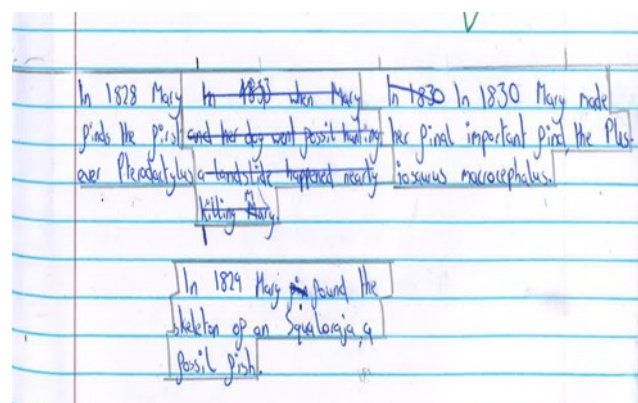
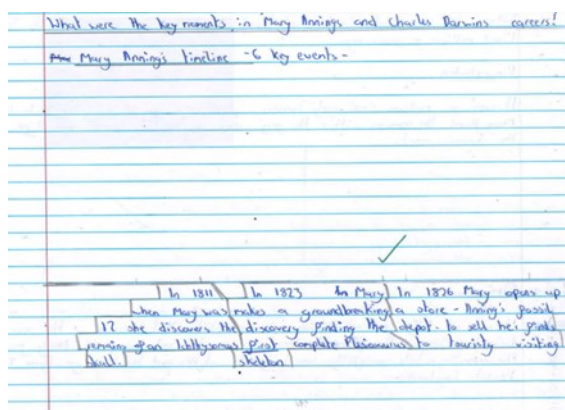
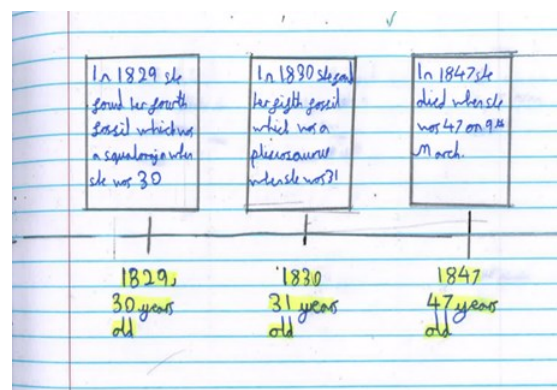
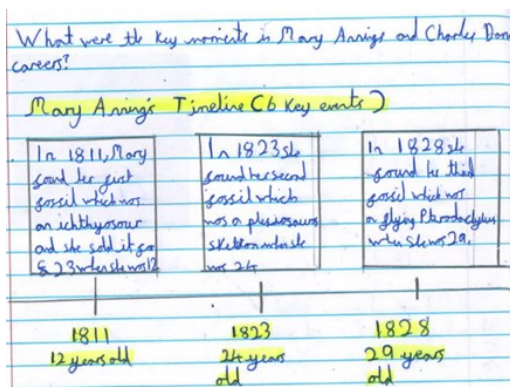
The work on the topic actually started in November when children planted peas and broad beans. Last term, more seeds were planted and Year 5 now have coriander, radishes, lettuce, carrots, chives, tomatoes and rocket growing.

We have already sampled the delights of sweet, fresh peas straight from a sun warmed pod and are hoping to enjoy more produce as it comes into season to harvest.



Year 6

In Topic this week, Year 6 looked at the **main events that occurred in Mary Anning's life**. The children had to read Anning's life events and choose 6 events that they were important and arrange them on a timeline. The children then had to discuss what key moments they considered important in Mary Anning's and Charles Darwin's life. Please take a moment to have a look at some examples below:



Thornton's Science Week

We are excited to announce Thornton's Science Week 2025 which will be **Monday 23rd June -Friday 27th June**. This year the theme is '**Change and Adapt**' and at Thornton we be celebrating by inspiring our children to create a science project based on this theme , as well as running parent workshops.

Science Project

We have shared lots of ideas with the children in the classroom and would like you to support them at home. The deadline for all science projects to be brought into school is **Monday 23rd June** as we will be picking the 'Top Prize Winners'. All children who participate will receive a certificate and a small prize. Overleaf are some ideas your child can use and some examples from previous years.

Science Parent Workshop

You will be invited to join your child in the classroom for a Science Parent Workshop. We are undertaking '**The Great Biscuit Dunkability Test**' and would love for you to join in on the fun! The whole school will be taking part in the challenge on different days. Look out for the letters.

Year 6 Parents Workshop Tuesday 24th June at 9am- 9.45am

Year 4 Parents Workshop Tuesday 24th June at 2pm-2.45pm

Year 5 Parents Workshop Wednesday 25th June at 9am- 9.45am

Year 3 Parents Workshop Wednesday 25th June at 2pm-2.45pm

Exploring the theme of 'Changing and Adapting' in Science

What do the words 'change' and 'adapt' mean to you?

Change refers to something becoming different – to alter or modify it. It can also be a word used to represent a replacement.

Adapting is similar to changing but is often more specific to something becoming more suitable to a particular purpose or condition.

Here are a few examples of changing and adapting in science.



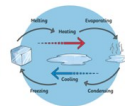
Plants and animals adapt to survive in their environments.



The seasons change throughout the year.

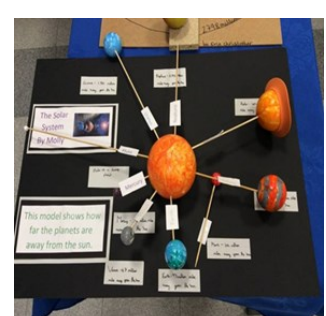
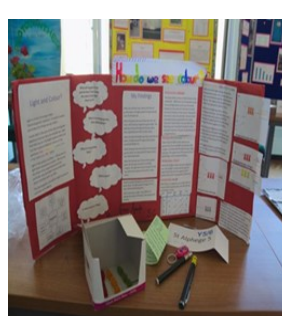


We can change the pitch and volume of sounds.



Some materials can change state between solid, liquid and gas.

Examples of projects from previous year



School Attendance

Class Attendance

Well Done to **3SQ, 4NG, 5BA, 5ST and 6MF** for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
3SQ	4NG	5ST	6MF
		5BA	



Our school attendance last week was 95.4%

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!

Thank you for your support.

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 2nd June
Year 4

Tuesday 3rd June
Swimming for 4SH and 4TW.
4SH MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 4th June
Year 3

Thursday 5th June
Year 5

Friday 6th June
EID—all children not celebrating Eid to come in PE kits



28TH MAY 10AM -2PM

FUNDAY

<p>10AM - 2PM 10AM - 2PM 11AM - 1PM 11AM 1PM</p>	<p>CHILDRENS OUTDOOR GAMES BOUNCY CASTLE & STALLS ANIMAL FARM WOMENS CHAIR YOGA MENS CHAIR EXERCISE</p>
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The Active Wellbeing Society

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Ward End Fire Station

OPEN DAY

22nd June 2025 11 am – 3 pm

Come and join in the fun!

Come and meet your local firefighters and see our fire engines!

WMFS West Midlands Fire Service

Ward End Fire Station, Washwood Heath Road, B8 2HF

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