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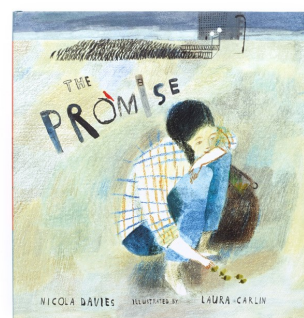
We have had such a creative and imaginative week at Thornton! Well done to everyone who worked hard over the half term holiday to research and produce some fabulous pieces of **creative homework** relating to their new topic. We



saw an exciting range of work from carefully detailed replica Greek vase models to handwritten copies of the Greek alphabet, and from model pyramids cleverly constructed using pasta and cornflakes to expertly designed environmental awareness posters. **We love to share the children's work with you** and regularly post photos of our learning journeys on our school **Twitter** page so please check it out **@Thornton0wls** (0wls is spelt with a 'zero').

Today has been a super fun day with all the **#thorntonfamily celebrating our love of reading** and ending with everyone in school sharing **'The Promise' by Nicola Davies!** There were some fantastic costumes on display as some very famous book characters spent the day in school with us - here are a few for you to try and guess... We particularly

**enjoyed everyone being authors for the day.** We each wrote our own six sentence story and published it in our very own mini book! We are now grouping all the mini-books for each year group together, by genre, to produce a giant book of mini-books for each group. We are looking forward to placing these on display in our main reception area so everyone will be able to read our carefully produced writing.



And finally, a huge congratulations to our fabulous football team who were the proud winners of second place at West Bromwich Albion's **Y3 and Y4 mixed football festival competition** on Wednesday. They really enjoyed their experience, played as a team with confident passing, and were super ambassadors for Thornton - well done, everyone! Watch out for Y6 girls next week...

Have a great weekend everyone and stay safe!  
Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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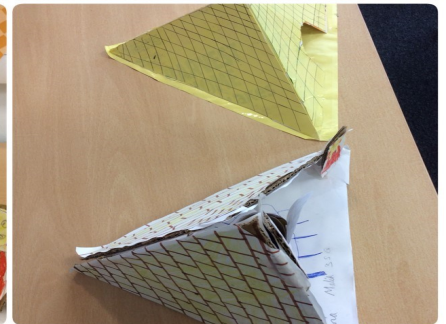
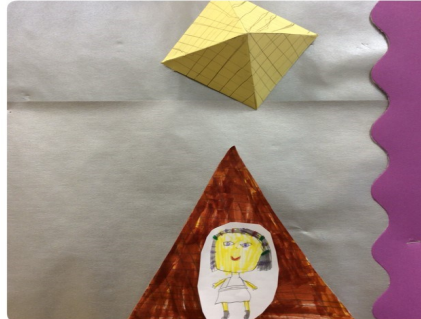
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## Year 3

Our topic this half term is **Ancient Egypt**. We spent the first topic lesson this week exploring where Egypt is on a map and the main geographical features of Egypt. To do this, the children each had part of a picture and they had to try and put their puzzle pieces back together with other children in the class. They loved this activity and are all excited about the coming topic lessons!



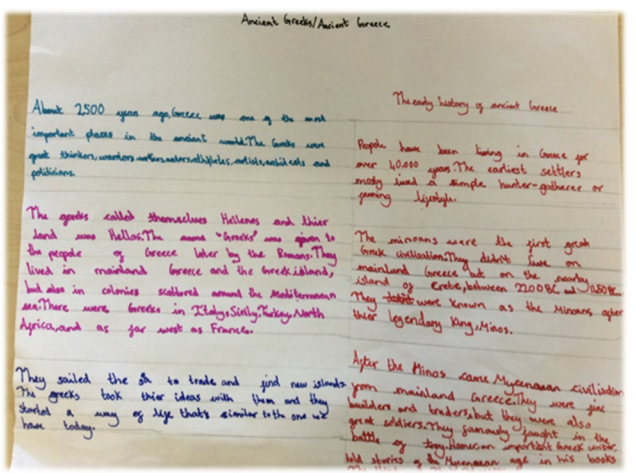
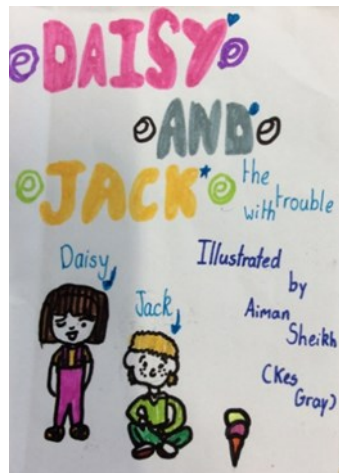
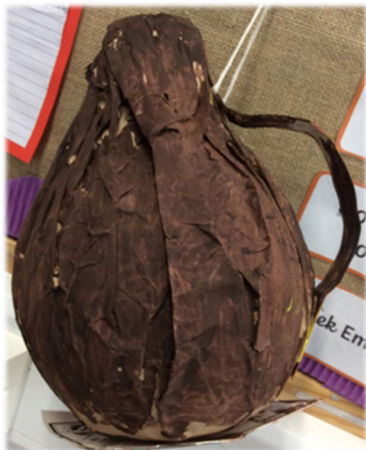
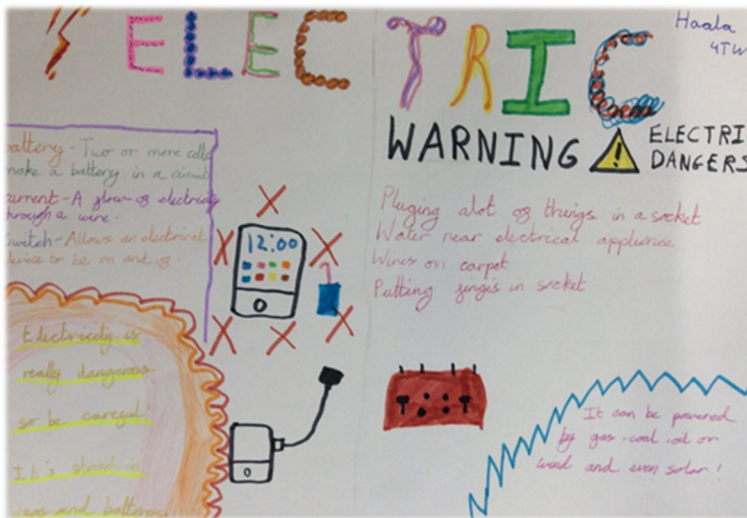
Here are some example's of the children's Ancient Egypt creative homework...



## Year 4

During the half term, the children in Year 4 were working hard at home to learn about their new Spring History and Science topics. Children in 4TW created posters about the **Ancient Greeks**. They also researched **electrical safety** and designed a poster to warn others how to stay safe around electricity. Aiman in 4SH wrote her own **mini book** and worked incredibly hard to illustrate all the pages. Matthew in 4SH created his own Ancient Greek pot using paper mâché.

Please take a look at their fantastic work...



## Year 5



This week in Year 5 the children have started their new topic, Scream Machine. They began with a virtual tour of a funfair and experienced a roller-coaster ride. Click here <https://watchkin.com/6a4bc63cc0> to experience the Funfair and Roller-coaster ride <https://watchkin.com/bd8a44cf23> for yourself. How did you feel? What sights and sounds did you notice? The children really enjoyed this experience and are thrilled and excited to learn more about the topic.



Over the half term holidays, children created some wonderful pieces of work from their Creative Curriculum homework.

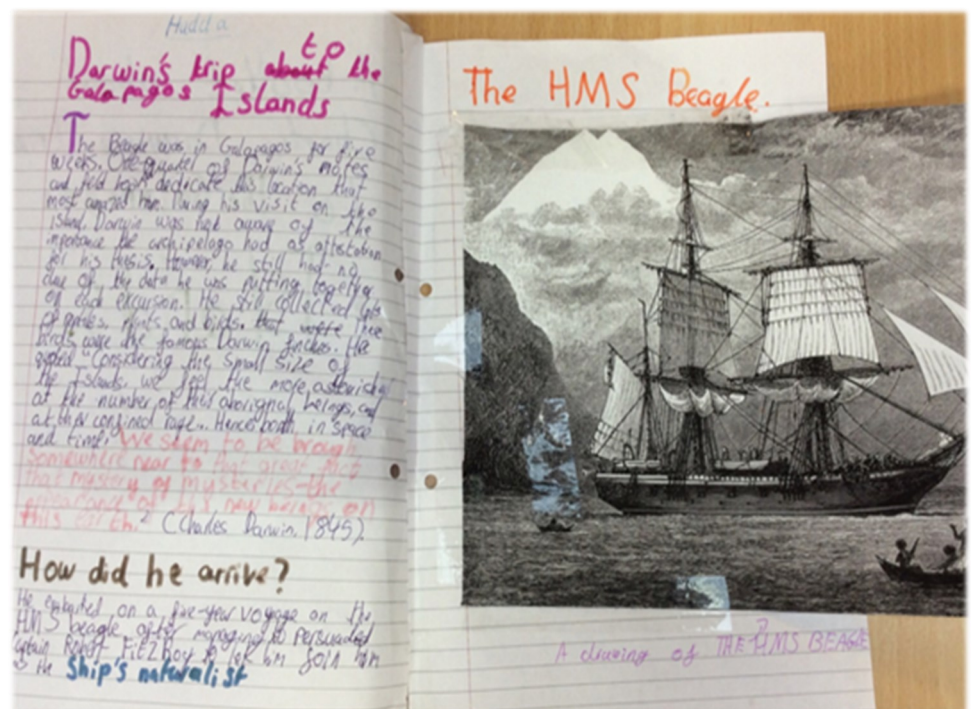
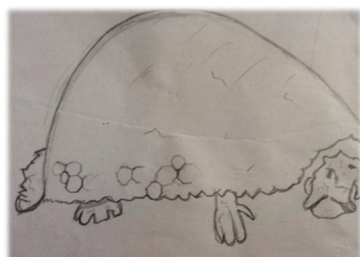
This is an example of a piece of creative homework by

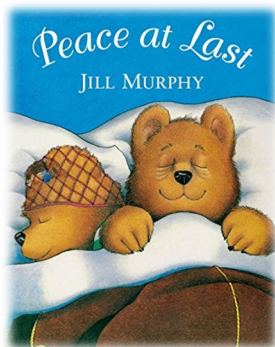
Laaibah in 5NG



## Year 6

As part of their Topic curriculum this term, year 6 students will be focusing on **Evolution and Inheritance**. To kick start the topic, pupils have produced some fantastic creative homework, including fact files, drawings and even clay models! Well done and thank you to everyone who has shared their super creations with us.





## Thornton Staff Book Review

**Peace at Last** by Jill Murphy was one of my favourite books as a child. I used to enjoy the teacher reading it to us in the class - it was the only time of day when we would sit with our glass milk bottles while enjoying the colourful illustrations of the characters. I loved the repetition of words and the sound effects in the story alongside seeing the misery on Mrs Bear's face! - Mrs Mughal

**Did you know that reading is good for your brain?** "Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body." Joseph Addison penned this quote roughly 300 years ago, before modern science and research equipment could back up his claim. Today, however, scientific studies show that reading does make you smarter. Reading a novel, for example, increases the blood flow and improves connectivity in the brain, so make sure you try and read a little every day!

### Medical Notice from the School Nurse

If your child has **vomited** or has **diarrhoea** please keep them off school for **48 hours**. The most important thing is to have plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration. Your child is most infectious from when the symptoms start and until two days after they have stopped. To help us try and prevent the spread of this type of illness please keep your child off school until the symptoms have stopped. Many thanks for your support.



Miss Pegg, School Nurse

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

#### Spring Term 1 Dates 2022

Term Ends: **Friday 18th February 2022**

**Half Term: Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February**

#### Spring Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 28th February 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 8th April 2022**

**Easter holiday: Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April**

**Teaching Training Day: Monday 25th April 2022**

Term Starts: **Tuesday 26th April 2022**

**Teaching Training Day: Thursday 5th May 2022**

Term Ends: **Friday 27th May 2022**

**Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June**

#### Summer Term 2 Dates 2022

Term Starts: **Monday 6th June 2022**

Term Ends: **Thursday 21st July 2022**

### School Meals

Changing from dinners to sandwiches? or vice-versa? We are sorry but you can only change at the start of each term and not mid term. Please call the office at the beginning of the term if you wish to change your child's dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records and inform the school kitchen.

### Payments

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 for support.

**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.**



## School Attendance

### Year 4 Attendance Challenge

A huge congratulations to 4MJ for **WINNING THE SECOND GOLDEN TICKET** and exceeding the school attendance target last week!

#### School Matters!



Our whole school attendance for the Spring Term 1 was **94.2%**



### Golden Ticket Initiative

#### How will the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

The Golden Ticket attendance initiative for the Spring Term Reward will be announced soon look out for more information to follow. Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat as long as they achieve **98%** or above during the whole of the Spring Term.

### Spring Term Silver Award

Pupils need to achieve 98% and above for the Spring Term to qualify for the Silver Award.

### Summer Term Gold Award

Pupils need to achieve 100% for the whole academic year in order for them to qualify for the Gold Award

**Good Luck Everyone!**

### Reporting Absences to school



If your child is absent from school **please call before 9am** to let us know the reason. Please provide school with 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. Thank you very much for your support. We are proud to work with you to fully support your child's attendance. Remember...everyday counts!

**Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824**

**our lines open from 8am.**

### PE TIMETABLE

Monday 7th March  
Year 3

Tuesday 8th March  
Year 5

Wednesday 9th March  
Year 4

Thursday 10th March  
Year 6

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