

Hello everyone,

It has been lovely to see the children settle back into the school routine after the unexpected school closure, due to the large fire that broke out near the Thornton School site. We are happy to share that the school site is safe for the children and would like to thank parents for working with us in ensuring pick-up and drop-off times run smoothly whilst part of the school site is sealed off.

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We have had to rearrange our first coffee morning this year which will now be held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 9am, in the School Hall.**

We are looking forward to you joining us and taking the opportunity to meet our Senior Leadership and our Inclusion Team, and ask us any questions you may have about your child's education. It would be fantastic to chat to as many of you as possible, whilst we enjoy a warm cup of tea or coffee and a tasty snack!



## Parent Governor Election

We have an exciting opportunity where we are inviting you to stand for election as a parent governor, or nominate another parent to do so. In our school we have provision for **two** parent governors and there is currently **one** vacancy. Nominations can only be accepted from parents or carers who have children registered at the school on the day that nominations close (Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022). Your child has taken a letter home this week explaining the role and responsibilities of a parent governor and a nomination/application form. These need to be handed in to the main Reception Office.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs S. Mazar, Assistant Headteacher



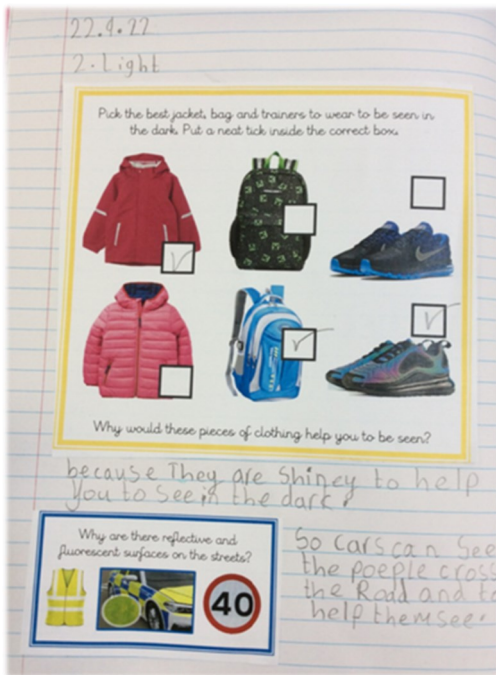
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Mrs Biddle-Rawbone and Mrs Mazar  
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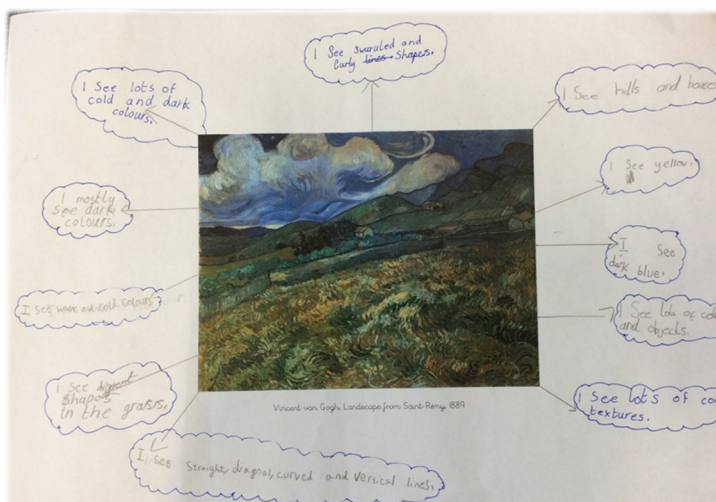
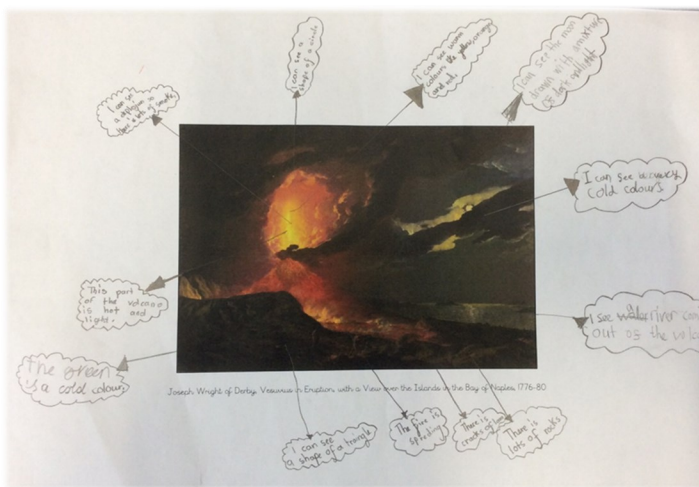
## Year 3

This week, year 3 have been looking at reflective light in Science. They looked at different objects that have reflective or fluorescent properties, and discussed why they were important. The children were able to find lots of links to road safety.



## Year 4

This term in year 4, the artwork will be inspired by our Misty Mountain, Windy River topic. The children will be investigating a range of landscape artworks and mark making techniques to be able to create their own imagined mountainous landscape. This week, the children used the 'Superpower of Looking' to unpick two landscape paintings together. We had a discussion about the artists' use of colour, space and line within their artworks.



They focused on the following questions:

What shapes can you see?

What colours have been used and why do you think the artist has chosen them?

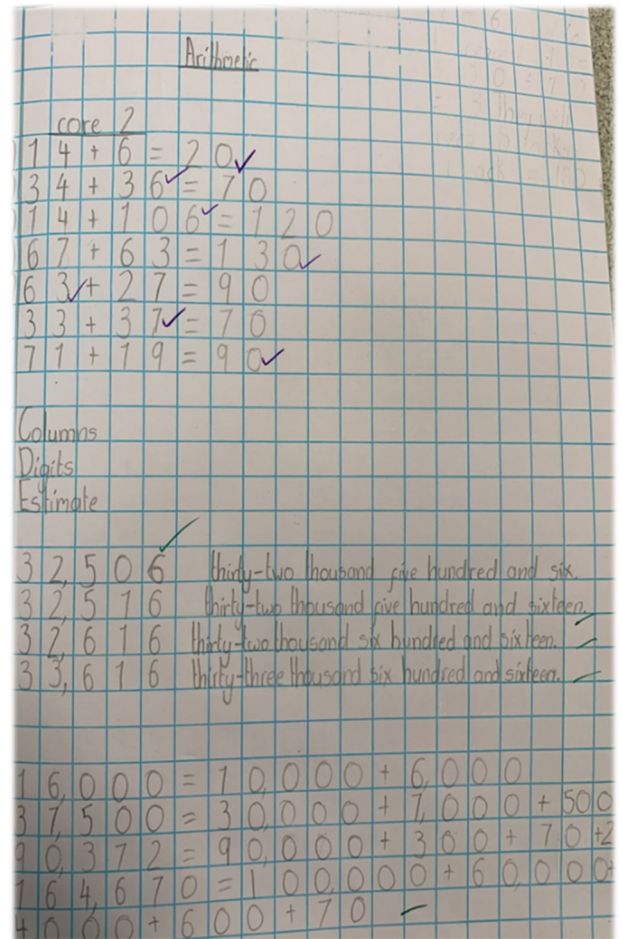
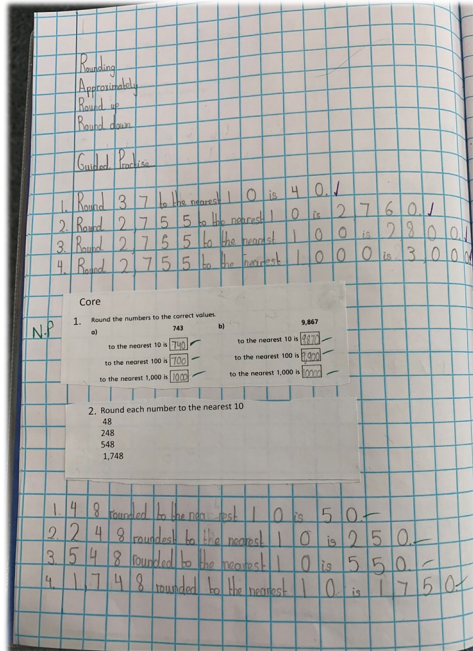
How does the painting make you feel?

The children are looking forward to creating their own imagined mountainous landscape!



## Year 5

Year 5 have made a good start to the term in mathematics. The children have been extending their understanding of Place Value. This included comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000 and rounding large numbers. Later in the term, they will apply this knowledge to help them in addition and subtraction. We are extremely pleased with the presentation of the work.



## Year 6

This week in year 6, we have been looking at the main events in Queen Victoria's life. Each child focused on one event and they created a colourful illustration. Each illustration was then placed in chronological order in order to create a visual timeline. Here are some wonderful examples. Did you know... Queen Victoria reigned for 63 years? In 1842 she became the first monarch to travel by train. In 1897 she celebrated her Diamond Jubilee.



## SEND Classroom

We are super excited to announce the new name for our SEND classroom which will now be formally known as

### THE STUDY BUDDY.

The SEND room will be a learning space that has been adapted to meet the needs of children with special educational needs. The activities will be play based using a multi-sensory approach linked to pupil's targets. We hope that the children love the classroom as much as the staff do!

# WELCOME

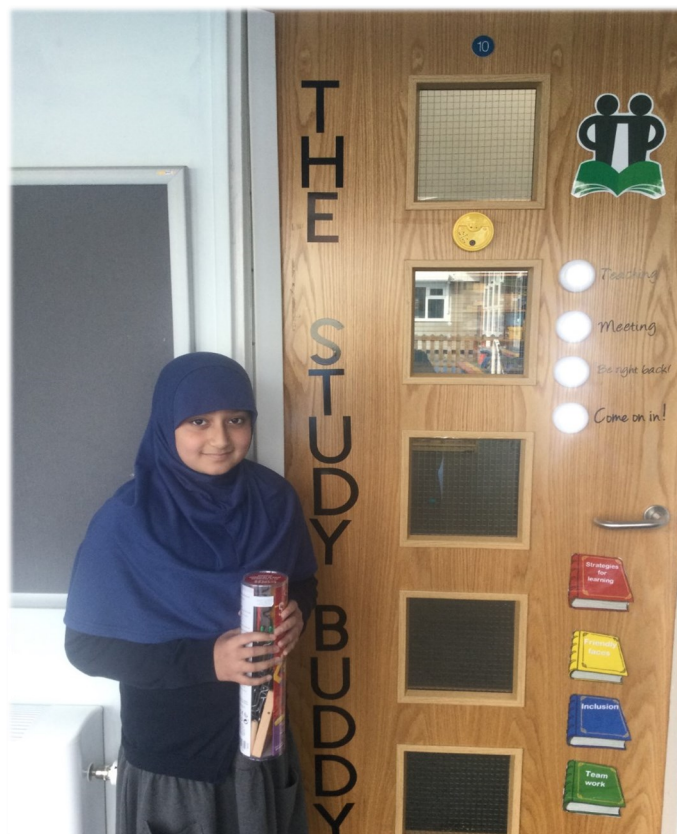
### The Inclusion Team



Mrs Shaheen,  
Inclusion Manager & SENDCo



Miss Wilcox and Mr McAlinden,  
SEND Teaching Assistant's



## This year's Harvest collection

Please kindly contribute towards the food bank:

- Year 3 and 4 - canned food (soup/beans/custard/spaghetti etc.)
- Year 5 - pasta/spaghetti and rice
- Year 6 - toiletries (toothbrushes/toothpaste/soap/shampoo etc.)



Please ensure that all items have a long shelf life and are within date.

Thank you for your donations.





## School Photographer

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## Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary School Applications September 2023

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2023 are now live on the following website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions>

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

## Reporting Absence to school

If your child is absent from school please telephone before 9am to let us know the reason.

Please give school 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 from the nurse.

Thank you for your support.



**Please ring the school office on 0121 327 0824 our lines open from 8am.**

## 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.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

### Autumn Term 2022

Term 1 Ends: Friday 21st October

**Half Term: Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October**

Term 2 Starts: Monday 31st October

Term 2 Ends: Friday 16th December

**Christmas Holiday: Monday 19th December to Monday 2nd January**



KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
GET TO SCHOOL  
ON TIME EVERY DAY

## Parent Pay

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance Via ParentPay. Dinner money is **£2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.** Breakfast Club is **£1 per day and 50p for any siblings. After school club is £2 per day and £1 for any siblings.** Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast, Afterschool clubs debts have been cleared at the start of each week .



## School Attendance

Our school attendance last week was **95.1%**

### 100% Class attendance

**Congratulations** to **3GJ** and **5TR** who achieved 100% and exceeded our school attendance target of **97%** and above last week. **WOW** 3GJ got 100% attendance for two consecutive weeks and currently have the best class attendance! Mrs Grace did a surprise visit and awarded the class a £25 gift voucher to spend on a VIP experience or new class resources.

### Golden Ticket Initiative

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



Thornton Primary School will be introducing 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!

- Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 97% above to qualify - More details of the reward to follow this term.**
- Spring Term Silver Award – Pupils need to achieve 98% above to qualify - More details of the reward will follow in the Spring Term!**
- Summer Term Gold Award – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the for the whole academic year to qualify. Look out for the grand reveal of which theme park the children will be visiting at the end of the academic year!!!!!!**

#### 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 absent this learning is disrupted and makes it difficult for your child to keep up.

Studies have shown that the children with poor attendance fail to reach their potential and struggle at secondary school and as an adult.

Being on time for school is a life skill that children need to learn as early as possible. 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. This can make children anxious and worried about their learning. It also disrupts other children's learning. **Did you know that ...**

If you are....	You have been absent for an equivalent of ....
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10minutes late each day	6 ½ days lost
15minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

#### PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 26th September**  
Year 3

**Tuesday 27th September**  
Year 5

**Wednesday 28th September**  
Year 4

**Thursday 27th September**  
Year 6

**Friday 28th September**  
**Swimming for classes 4ZY & 5BA**

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

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