

Hello everyone

Thank you to everybody for ensuring the children arrived safely via the Thornton Road entrances this morning—it was really good to see how well the children coped with this change to routine, and we were impressed with how well they settled down quickly to their work.

We are excited to announce our first '**outdoor coffee morning**' which will take place on **Tuesday 5th October from 9am to 10am**. All parents/carers are welcome to attend, but please make sure you wrap up warm! We will be hosting the coffee morning in our outdoor classroom in the playground on St. Agatha's Road so we will have a bit of shelter should it decide to rain! We look forward to welcoming you and listening to your thoughts about our school and any ideas you have that can help us make it even better!



Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

Another important set of dates for your diary, is the dates for our virtual **parents' evening**. This will be held over two dates and will be using video-links this time. We will be sending out a letter with more information next week so you can find out how to book your appointment and how to join the meeting via video-link. The dates and times this term for parents' evening are:

**Wednesday 6th October 3.45pm to 5.30pm OR**

**Wednesday 13th October 3.45pm to 5.30pm**

Next week, we are beginning an extra big focus on attendance and punctuality! Please help support your child's education by ensuring they **arrive at school by 8.45am AT THE LATEST!** We hope you will be able to **drop your child off at 8.30am** so they can take advantage of the additional learning time we are providing first thing in the morning! Pick-up time remains 3.30pm for all children, with gates opening at 3.20pm for safety reasons so that many parents do not have to queue on the road with young children.



Thank you to everyone for making sure the children are dressed smartly in school uniform—don't forget, we still have some **school uniform** available to buy from Reception at some bargain prices!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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## School Attendance

We are pleased to announce we will be continuing to use the **Class Attendance Reward** as it was a great success last academic year to help improve the whole school attendance. The classes who achieve the target of 97% and above will receive a certificate.

### 100% Class Attendance Weekly Reward

Classes who achieve 100% will be rewarded with a £25 gift voucher for the whole class.



### Best Class Attendance Reward

At the end of Autumn Term 2 (December), the class with the best attendance will be rewarded with a £50 gift voucher to spend on a VIP experience in school or new classroom resources,



Huge congratulations to Class **4GJ** and **5BA** for winning the £25 gift vouchers to buy new classroom resources. Both classes achieved 100% class attendance on the first week back to school. They were surprised with a special visit from Mrs McPherson and Mrs Biddle–Rawbone last week and presented with their 'cheque'!

Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of **97%** and above:

**W/C 6/09/2021**

**5ST**

**6HB**



**W/C 13/09/2021**

**3EB**

**4GJ**

**5BA**

**5TR**

**Our whole school attendance for last week  
was **95.4%****

**School Matters!**



# 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!



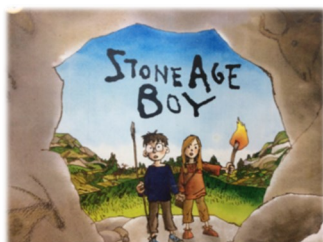
**Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 97% above to qualify**

**Spring Term Silver Award – Pupils need to achieve 98% above to qualify**




**Summer Term Gold Award – Pupils need to achieve 100% for the for the whole academic year to qualify.**

## Year 3




This week, the children have been comparing how they would live to life in the Stone Age. In English, we read the book 'Stone Age Boy' and found out about the daily lives of Stone Age hunter gatherers. We then made comparisons between life back then, and our modern day lives. In Topic, we created a diary entry on Purple Mash to show how our daily lives are different to hunter gatherers.

**Prediction 1**




Based on this picture I think that... there is a girl and boy who looked for a cave as home because by the big jungle or a bamboo forest they are adventure. They are standing on strong water so they are brave.

**Prediction 2**



Using this new picture I predict that... They are in a cave or ravine, a stone age cave probably because of the stone age picture. They could explore a ravine that collapsed more than 300 years ago.

**Prediction 3**



Based on the first page of the book I now think that he falls into a cave to main source of water to the whole jungle as shallow part.

Monday 20th September 2021

LO: To write sentences

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Stone Age	Both	Now
hunt animals for expanded spears but	water, clean dishes	we have electricity
case homes	good play	we have mobile for list of technology
dry fish	we're all got rights	family

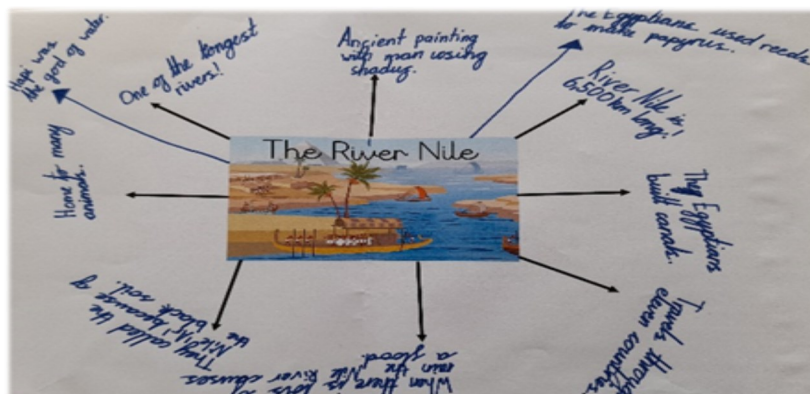
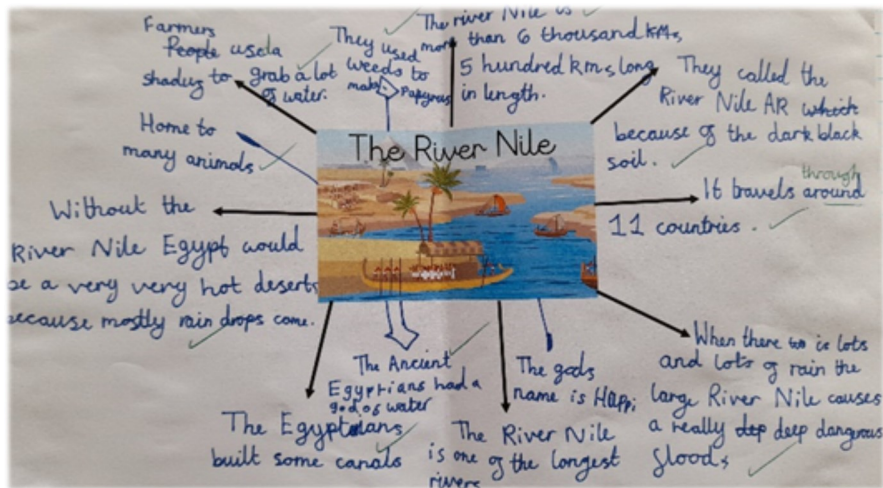
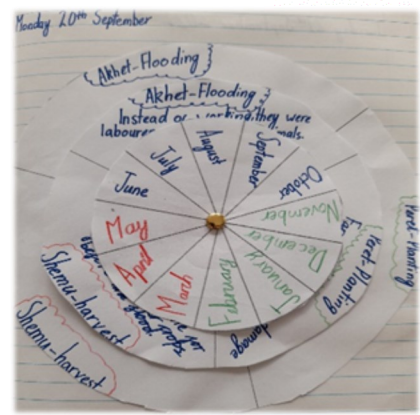
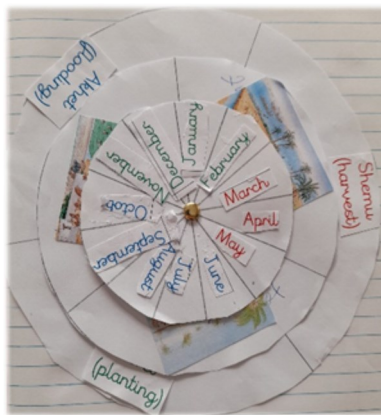
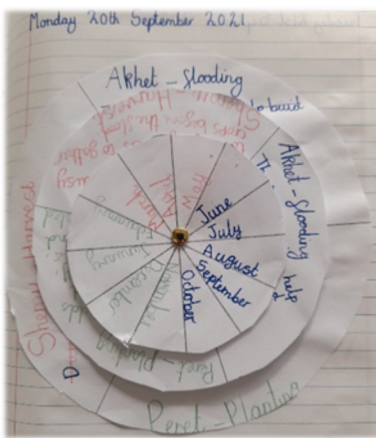
There are many differences between the Stone age and now days. In the Stone age they lived in caves and ate animals. In present days we lives in houses and eat better goods and more nutrients. We both clean dishes they used animals bones to make weapons, reason...

## Ancient Egyptians

This half term, Year 4 are learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. During our topic lessons this week, the children created a farming season wheel to understand the three different seasons in Ancient Egyptian period. They are called: **Akhet (flooding)**, **Peret (planting)** and **Shemu (harvest)**.



They also discovered why the river Nile was so important to the Ancient Egyptians. Scan the QR code to watch the BBC class clip about the river Nile and see what new facts you can learn!



## Year 5

How to round numbers to 100,000

- First look in the ten thousand place value column
- Next if the number in the ten thousands column is 1, 2, 3, 4 round down if it's 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 round up

For example:

375,924

In the ten thousand column there's a 7 so you round up.

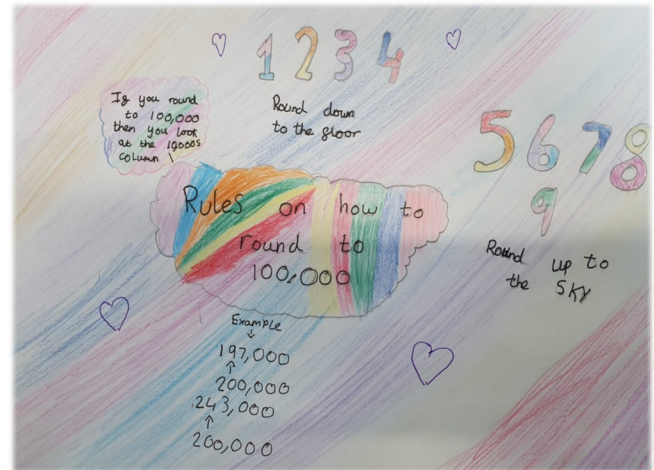
You'll also need to look at the hundred thousand column because if you round up you will add 1 to the hundred thousand digit.

375,924 rounded to the nearest hundred thousand is 400,000.

Year 5 have been very busy in Maths this week. We have been rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10, 000 and even 100,000!

Some of the children have become such experts at it that they created their own posters to help others become 'riveting rounders' too!

Here are some examples from across the year group...



## Year 6



The year 6 students have enjoyed a virtual Victorian workshop. Pupils had the opportunity to learn about the Victorian classroom, including the lessons taught, disciplinary procedures and class sizes. Pupils took part in a reading, arithmetic, handwriting and a topic lesson. The Arithmetic lesson involved pupils chanting the 12 times tables. Pupils practised handwriting and learnt a poem. During the Topic lesson pupils had to create an observational drawing of a badger and learn facts about it. At the end of the workshop pupils had a question and answer session with the presenter.



Pupil voice:

I really enjoyed the Victorian workshop and I liked that I got to experience how the Victorian used to read, write and learn Maths.

## Coffee Morning

Thornton will be holding out first outdoor parents' Coffee Morning (outdoor Classroom) on **Tuesday 5th October 9-10 am.**

Come and joins us for coffee and a chat we look forward to seeing you, especially our new Year 3 parents!



## Attention all Year 6 Parents! Secondary Transfer 2022

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2022 are now live on the following website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

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.



## 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.**

## School Photography



We will be having an additional School Photography session later on in the term for children who were absent on the day. More information to follow soon.

## Parent Pay

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance Via Parent Pay.

Dinner money is **£2.40 per day and £12.00 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 .



## PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 27th September**  
**Year 4**

**Tuesday 28th September**  
**Year 6**

**Wednesday 29th September**  
**Year 3**

**Thursday 30th September**  
**Year 5**

### Reporting Absence 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 from the nurse.

Thank you for your support.

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



## ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022



### Autumn Term 1 Dates 2021

**Teaching Training Day: Thursday 2nd September 2021**  
**Teaching Training Day: Friday 3rd September 2021**

Term Starts: **Monday 6th September 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 22nd October 2021**

**Half Term: Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October**

### Autumn Term 2 Dates 2021

Term Starts: **Monday 1st November 2021**

Term Ends: **Friday 17th December 2021**

**Christmas holiday: Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January**

### Spring Term 1 Dates 2022

**Teaching Training Day: Tuesday 4th January 2022**

Term Starts: **Wednesday 5th January 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**

### Summer Term 1 Dates 2022

**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**

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