

Hello everyone

Thank you for all your support so far in helping to keep our community Covid-19 safe. In a similar way to other schools in Birmingham, we have seen the number of Covid-19 cases going up this week and have found it one of our most challenging weeks so far with staffing! **A very BIG thank you to all the staff who have stepped in, often at the last minute, to ensure we have been able to keep all our children on site and learning safely in their own class bubbles.** To reassure you, we are continuing to keep all the additional safety measures in place to minimise transmission of the virus. We strongly encourage you to use LFD tests if anyone in your household has symptoms, in particular a high temperature, sore throat or flu-like symptoms, and isolate immediately if you get a positive result. **It is really important that any positive LFD test results are shared with the school straight away (0121 327 0824 or email covidinfo@thornton.bham.sch.uk)** so that we can help you with isolation dates. Thank you for your support with this - we really value our excellent #thorntonfamily communication to keep everyone safe!



Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Thank you to everyone who booked and attended the first **video parents' evening appointments** this week. We really enjoy sharing your child's achievements with you and celebrating them together. Don't forget, if you haven't already booked your appointment, that you can still go online to book an appointment for **Wednesday 26th January**. Please go online to book your video appointment <https://thorntonprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk>. Please speak with your child's class teacher if you need support booking your appointment or telephone the school office 0121 327 0824, thank you. Remember, it's best to be logged in ready for your video appointment at least a few minutes early so you can maximise the time you have to talk with the teacher! We look forward to 'seeing you' soon to discuss your child's progress.

To support the work we will be doing in school on safer internet day (8th February), we are inviting you to attend our first **outdoor coffee morning of 2022** which will be focusing on **e-safety**. The outdoor coffee morning is on Tuesday **1st February from 9am until 9.50am**. Please try and attend if you can so that you can find out about more ways you can help keep your child safe online as well as have the chance to ask us your questions about e-safety. We look forward to seeing you there!



eSafety

Have a great weekend everyone and stay safe!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Mrs Mazar, Mrs McPherson, Miss Loach
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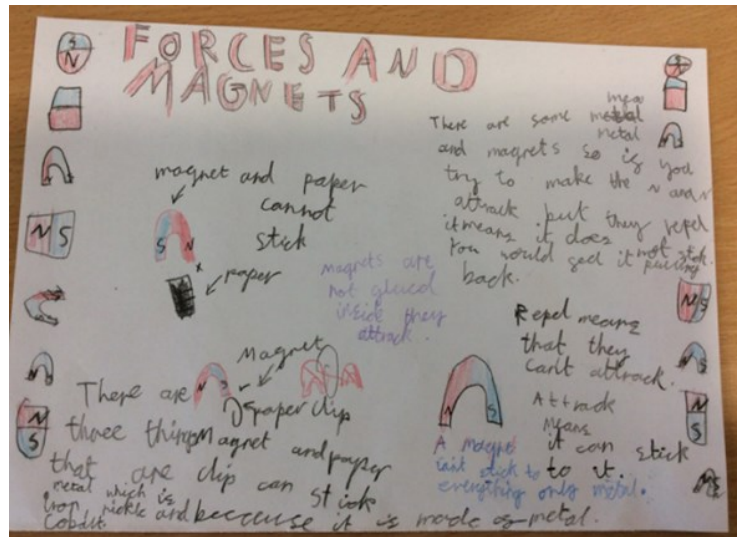
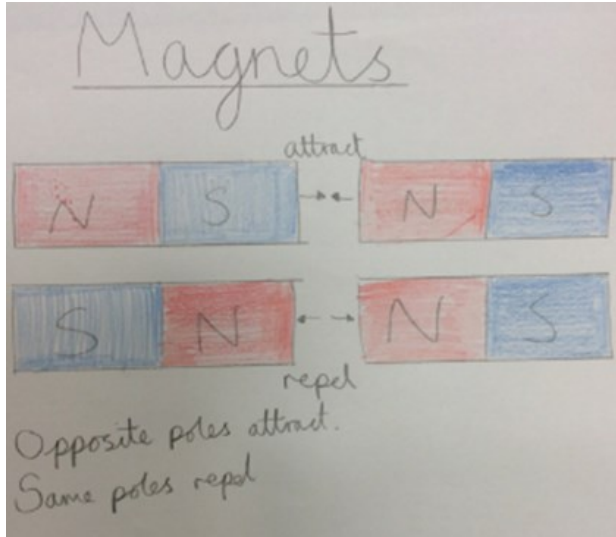
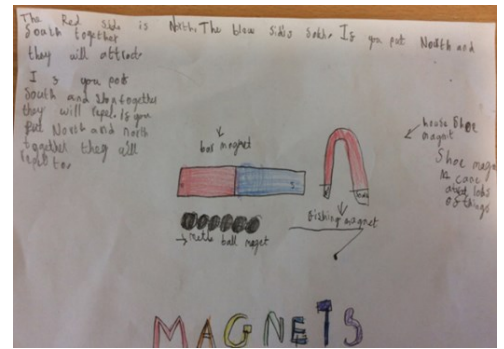


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YEAR 3

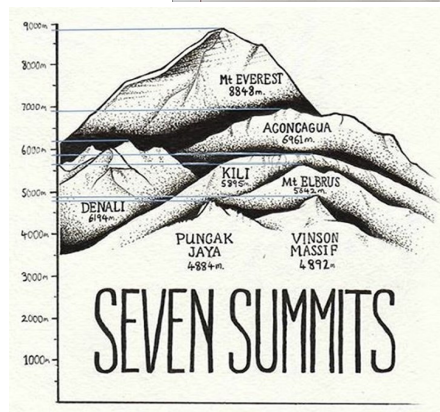
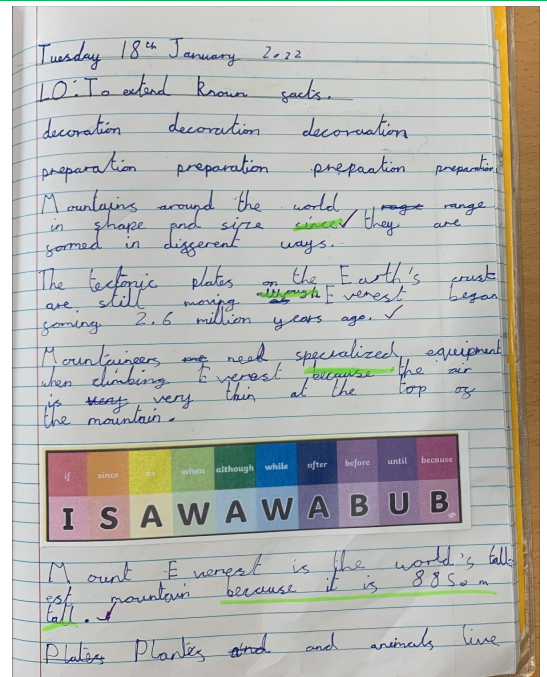
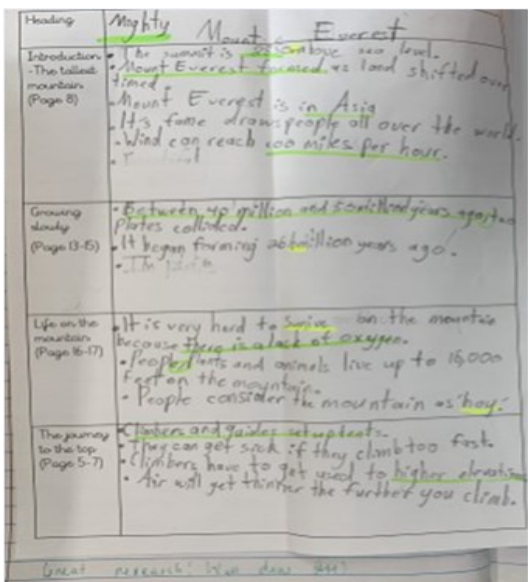
Year 3 have been looking at **magnets** in their Science lessons. They have been using and comparing different types of magnets, such as a bar magnet, ring magnet and horseshoe magnet.

They have also been investigating the 2 poles on a magnet (North and South) and tested the strength of different types of magnets.



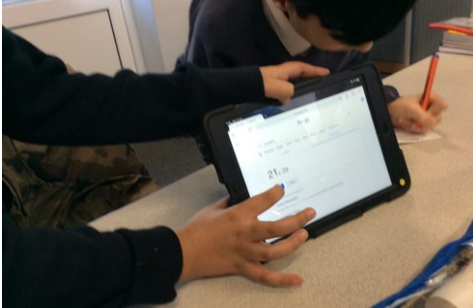
YEAR 4

Hasn't the weather been changeable lately? Temperatures dropping below freezing point one day, then unseasonably warmer temperatures the next day. It's felt even colder in Year Four this week as we've taken our learning to new heights by **investigating some of the world's most famous mountains**. We've paid particularly close attention at Mount Everest as we wrote a non-chronological report about it in our English books. Please enjoy this extract from earlier on this week. If you'd like to know more, ask one of the children in Year Four and we'll happy **summit** up for you!



YEAR 5

Year 5 have been exploring different types of material in Science this term. The budding scientists are experts at explaining the various properties of the materials. In this week's lesson they carried out an investigation to test which material had the best absorbency. Children measured time and the amount of water that was absorbed by the material. They used plastic, paper, aluminium and fabric for their investigation.



Results of Absorbency Tests	
Type of Material	Measurement of Water Absorbed (ml)
Aluminium	0ml
plastic	0ml
Paper	6.75ml
plastic	0ml

The material that was the most absorbent was the paper
 The material(s) that was/were the least absorbent was/were the Aluminium
 because of the way it is made of which is plastic

Results of Absorbency Tests	
Type of Material	Measurement of Water Absorbed (ml)
Tissue paper	7.5ml
plastic	0ml
plastic aluminium	0ml
plastic	0.5ml

The material that was the most absorbent was the Tissue paper
 The material(s) that was/were the least absorbent was/were the plastic aluminium

Results of Absorbency Tests	
Type of Material	Measurement of Water Absorbed (ml)
Foil	0.25ml
Fabric	3.2ml
Paper towel	6ml
clingfilm	1ml

The material that was the most absorbent was the paper towel
 The material(s) that was/were the least absorbent was/were the foil and

Results of Absorbency Tests	
Type of Material	Measurement of Water Absorbed (ml)
Aluminium	0ml
Fabric	4ml
Plastic	2ml
Paper	3ml

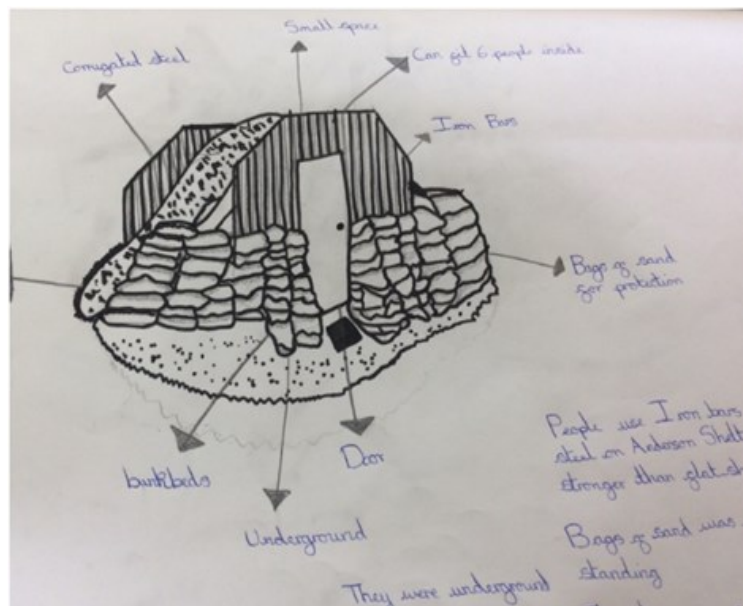
The material that was the most absorbent was the Fabric
 The material(s) that was/were the least absorbent was/were the Aluminium

Year 6

This week in DT, Year 6 designed **Anderson Shelters**. The children sketched what they would like their Anderson Shelter to look like and used their knowledge to create Shelters. They had to ensure that each model was able to stand without support.



Here are some great examples of what the children created. **Well done, Year 6!**



ACADEMIC YEAR 2021-2022

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

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.



Medical

Parents can use the link below to check their child's BMI .

Simply click the link and use the BMI calculator to check your child body mass index (BMI) and find out if your child is a healthy weight.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator>



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.



School Attendance

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



1ST	6HB	98.7%
2ND	3SQ	98.6%
3RD	5ST	98.2%
4TH	3AW	97.1%

Our whole school attendance for last week was 95 %

Golden Ticket Initiative

How will the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

Thornton Primary School will be introducing the Golden Ticket attendance initiative again for the Spring Term for all pupils. Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat as long as they achieve the school target of 97% or above during 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!

School Matters!



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 24th January

Year 4

Tuesday 25th January

Year 6

Wednesday 26th January

Year 3

Thursday 27th January

Year 5

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