



Hello everyone

Firstly, let me say a big thank you to all the parents and carers from each class who joined me and Mrs Biddle-Rawbone at one of our Relationships and Sex Education sessions on Microsoft Teams this week. As you will know, these sessions were run by both Sladefield Infant School and Thornton Primary School to share the fantastic work both schools and the Parent Working Party (with members from both schools) have done in finalising the **Healthy Relationships Education curriculum** planning and resources. **A very big thank you to the Parent Working Party for their dedication and time, and overwhelming support in ensuring we have a curriculum that reflects the needs of our community and is age-appropriate.**

Secondly, thank you to everyone who has managed to book a telephone appointment for Parents' Evening. If you haven't managed to yet, here is a reminder from last week's newsletter...

Parents' Evening Appointments

As the country continues to move forward in the stages coming out of national lockdown, we have taken the decision to maximise the safety of our community and continue to provide remote parents' evening appointments. Over the two weeks beginning 28th June and 5th July, teachers will be telephoning you to discuss your child's progress and attainment this academic year. If for any reason you are unavailable, teachers will attempt a second call on a different day after attempting to agree a mutually convenient time with you.

Please sit with your child and book an appointment slot on Google Classroom using the information leaflet sent home with your child. If you experience any problems doing this, please ask your child's teacher at home time, or telephone the school for help 0121 327 0824. Thank you.

Unfortunately, we are seeing a rise in school of people displaying symptoms linked to Covid-19. We understand your frustrations in being unable to send your child to school if they are displaying one of the recognised symptoms, but it is essential your child takes a PCR Covid-19 test if they do display one of the recognised symptoms, and only return to school when they receive a negative test result. This is to ensure we keep everyone in our community safe. There is information on the school website to help you which guides you through the steps to take if you know someone in your household has Covid-19 symptoms.

I hope you have a good weekend and manage to dodge the showers!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Assistant Headteachers - Miss Loach,

Mrs Biddle-Rawbone, Mrs Mazar



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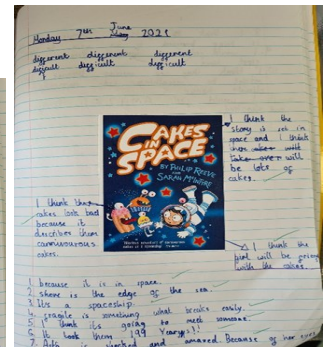
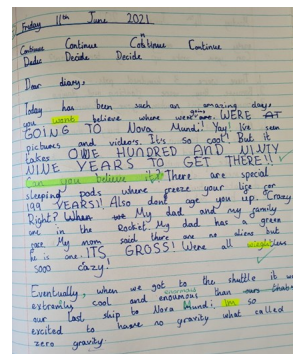
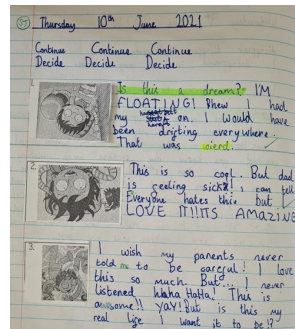
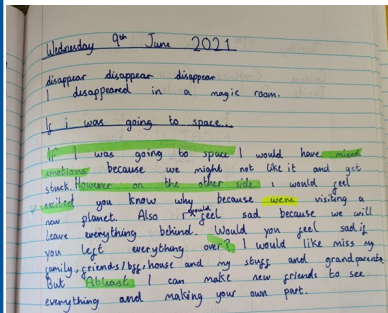
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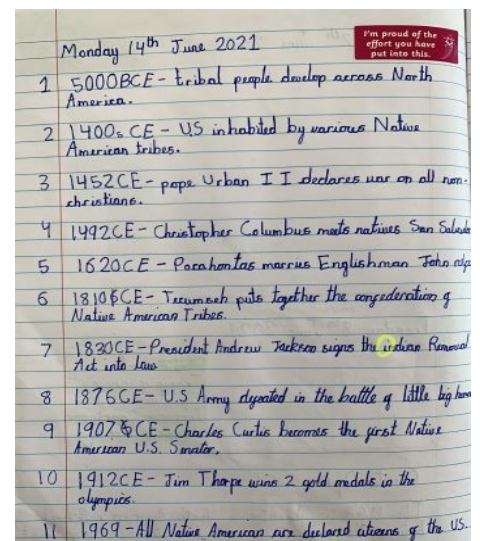
In Year 3, we have been looking at a text called Cakes In Space! We have made predictions about what the story might be about, thought about what the characters might say in the pictures and wrote a diary entry from the characters perspective! We even thought about how we would feel if we entered into space ourselves! As we have progressed through the text, we have added words to our working wall to help improve our vocabulary! Year 3 have been working super hard on their writing! **Well done everyone!**



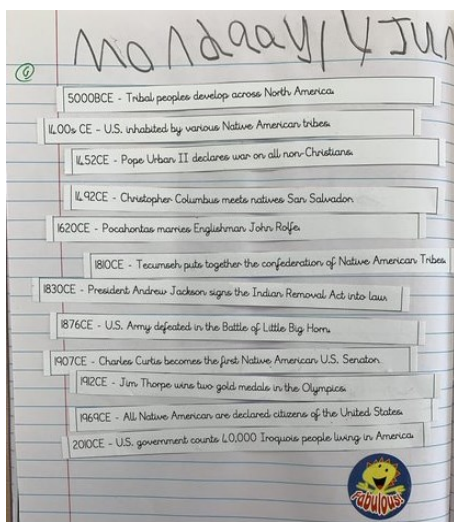
Year 4

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This week in Year Four, we have started to look at a brief history of events throughout American history that have impacted on the Native American people. We examined how the chronology of events led to some of the issues felt over the centuries, and even still today in 2021. Here is a selection of some work we're really proud of this week!



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Present New Information:



People lived in the United States long before the arrival of Christopher Columbus and the Europeans. These people and cultures are called Native Americans.

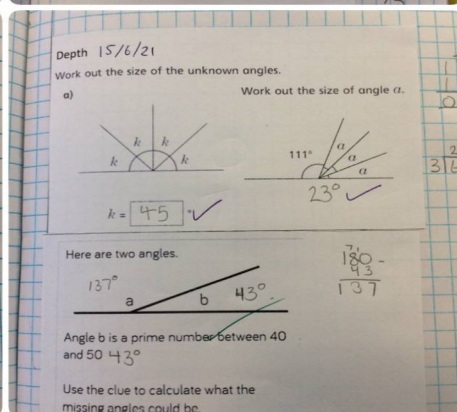
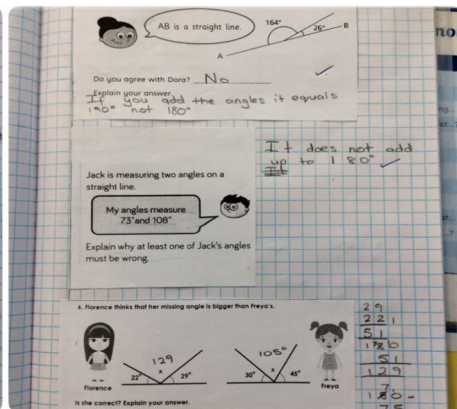
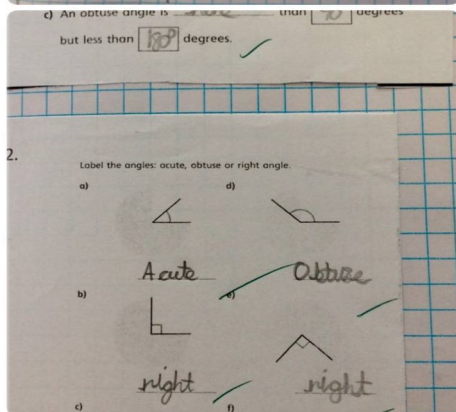
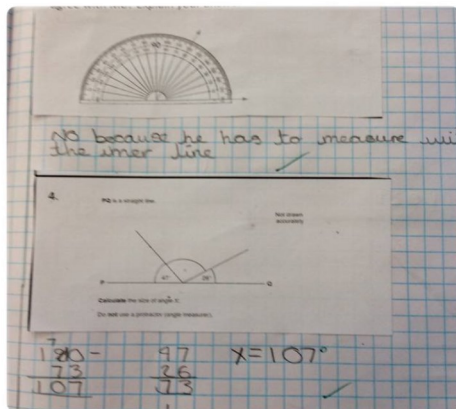
If someone or something is "native," it is born, raised or from one particular place. When thinking of people as native, it can help to think of them as the first or original, indigenous inhabitants of a place.

America's history is a long and complicated one. Today's lesson will summarise some of the key events in the history of the Native American peoples.

- You may wish to take notes in your Morning books.

Year 5

Children in Year 5 have started this term with angles as their new topic in maths. They are now able to identify different types of angles, compare them and use their mathematical skills to find a missing angle. Their skills in using a protractor are improving by the day. Well done Year 5 for taking on the challenge of 'angles'. Keep up the good work!



Year 6

This week, in Year 6, we watched a short film called Alma. We used this to inspire some fantastic story writing. First, we tried to imagine how the little girl was feeling and why she decided to enter the doll shop. We thought about the effect our narrative will have on the reader and explored ways to build tension. Our stories certainly entertained many of our readers. We thought about how we could change the story and we put forward alternative endings. We integrated dialogue as we considered what the dolls might be saying to Alma. Here are some fantastic examples.

If happened when she gave in to temptation. The consequence made Alma regret her decision as soon as it happened. It started when she was slipping through the secret alleyway, she found there were missing posters on either the walls but she did not seem to notice. As she was warning to herself, she discovered a chalk board on the wall. She got closer and realised something familiar about the names. Until she realised to be the year above me but he wasn't missing, perhaps somebody had created a remembrance wall. She thought to herself. There were lots of names so Alma decided to write her name - MISTAKE. All of a sudden she felt a pair of eyes looking at the back of her head.

She slowly turned around and saw a small figure in the shop window opposite her. She waited for a closer look and could believe her eyes. There was a doll on the display window! And it looked exactly like her! It had the grey hair, the mittens and a jacket. Alma thought, if I can get that doll I can show my friends in school. They'll probably get jealous. She rushed to the door and rattled the handle. It didn't budge. So Alma stopped trying and threw a snarlball at the door as she stormed off. What a waste of time, she thought. Out of nowhere, the door opened behind her. Alma's own voice told her not to

"Mummy can't save you now," seethed a cold voice. It echoed in Alma's ears. Alma turned to see a doll with curly, blonde hair staring at her one with haunting eyes.

"Don't say that!" snapped another doll. She had a short bob cut and was wearing a traditional Chinese dress. "You weren't so tough when it was your first time here, were you?"

The blonde doll scoffed and closed her eyes.

Alma snuffed. She was dying internally. Suddenly the wicker clock struck twelve. It was midnight. The whole doll house shook. Alma felt the imaginary chairs unbound her. She was free! She turned her head to see the Chinese doll staring at her. "I'm Kat, what's your name?" She asked kindly. "I'm Alma," said replied Alma abruptly. "You might be wondering what's happening," Kat said. Alma nodded. So Kat carried on.

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School Cricket Team

Congratulations! to our Year 6 cricket team on their outstanding performance at Moseley Ashfield Cricket Club this week. The team played through the whole tournament unbeaten. What an achievement!

Final Scores:

Match 1

Thornton Primary School 311

Chandos Primary School 161

Match 2

Thornton Primary School 283

Firs Primary School 141

Match 3

Thornton Primary school 302

Lea Forest Primary School 176



Secret City Arts

We were very lucky to have been visited by Secret City Arts- a project involving children and communities, in making a creative response to secret wild green spaces, living stories and hidden history in the urban world. Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to work with a story teller and writer this week.

The project will run over 5 sessions and pupils will have the opportunity to create stories, poems, music and art work. We will keep you updated on their progress and can't wait to share their lovely work with you.

For more information, scan the QR code:

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SCHOOL Attendance

Well done to the following classes who achieved our school Attendance target of 97% and above last week

Year 3

3SQ

Year4

4GJ

Year 6

6NI

6HB

**Last week our whole school
attendance was: 93.6%**

Spring Term and Summer Term Attendance Rewards

All the children who have achieved 98% and above in attendance will receive a Golden Ticket Attendance Silver award! Please look out for more information to follow this term!

GOLDEN TICKET

100% Attendance for the whole academic year

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Mrs Grace is currently planning an exciting prize for all the children that have achieved 100% attendance this year. These children will qualify for our fantastic Golden Ticket Attendance **GOLD** award...Please look out for more information to follow this term!

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!





Our school is taking part in... Get Set to Eat Fresh's Design a Lorry Competition!

Team GB and Aldi's **Get Set to Eat Fresh** programme inspires children to cook and eat healthy, fresh food. It includes a library of free resources to help children both at school and at home build the skills they need to love cooking fresh, healthy meals for themselves and their families.

The Get Set to Eat Fresh **Design a Lorry Competition** challenges young people to design an Aldi lorry that celebrates fresh, healthy food. The winning design will be selected by a judging panel from Aldi and Team GB, who are looking for an **inventive** and **eye-catching design** that **celebrates** good food and will inspire others to **eat well**, so please encourage your child to get creative!

Winners will have their design used on an Aldi lorry, as well as earning a goody bag and £50 of Aldi vouchers to spend on fresh food or kitchen equipment.

Find out more at [Get Set to Eat Fresh with Aldi | Design a Lorry Competition \(getseteatfresh.co.uk\)](https://getseteatfresh.co.uk).

The Grammar Schools in Birmingham- Admissions 2022

Entry to Year 7 in September 2022

We write to advise that parents can now register their child for the optional entrance test by applying online before **4pm on 30th June 2021**. The test will take place on **11th September 2021**.

Parents of current **Year 5** children can register by visiting www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Thank you

Admissions

The Grammar Schools in Birmingham

Foundation Office, Edgbaston Park Road
Birmingham, B15 2UD

Website: www.birminghamgrammarschools.org

Healthy Packed Lunch

If you send a packed lunch into school for your child please can you ensure it is a healthy option that consists of :

Healthy Sandwich

Piece of Fruit

Yogurt

Healthy drink (not fizzy or energy types!)

Please ensure all snacks provided are nut free as we are a nut free school!

Thank you for your support.





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PE TIMETABLE

Week Commencing 21/06/2021

Monday 21st June
Year 3

Tuesday 22nd June
Year 5

Wednesday 23rd June
Year 6

Thursday 24th June
Year 4

Summer Term Dates 2021



Term Starts: **Monday 7 June 2021**

Term Ends: **Tuesday 20 July 2021**

Teacher Training Day: Wednesday 21 July 2021

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 Miss Pegg.

Thank you for your support.

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



School Meals

Changing from Dinner 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 dinner preference so that we can make the necessary changes to our records.

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 .

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 which is £1 per day and 50p for any siblings.



Medical Notice

We have a fully qualified nurse in school who can administer medication prescribed by the GP or purchased over the counter. Can parents please make sure the medication is clearly labelled with the name and the class of your child. Also parents will need to complete a form which is available from reception or alternatively medical forms are available on our **school website under the parents tab .**

Parents can print either the prescribed medication form or over the counter form at home and bring it to school completed with medication.



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