

Hello everyone

At Thornton Primary School we take our mathematics learning very seriously. In particular, we work very hard to learn our multiplication times tables. The great news is that the hard work and dedication of our pupils and teachers has paid off.

We have recently received a letter from the Department for Education that confirms Thornton's results in last year's Y4 Multiplication Tables Check were some of the highest in the country. That strong that we were in the top 200 of schools throughout the whole of England. This is a particularly impressive achievement as there are 16,791 primary schools in England.

Friendly competition is a key part of our recipe for success. Alongside our Thornton tables world cups, we also hold year group competitions. To learn about the most recent competition in Year 4 please read on.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Mason

Deputy Headteacher & Maths Lead

MULTIPLICATION TABLE															
1x	2x	3x	4x	5x	6x	7x	8x	9x	10x	11x	12x				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12				
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24				
3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36				
4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48				
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60				
6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72				
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84				
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96				
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108				
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120				
11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132				
12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144				



4TW: The Winning Class



Our Highest Scorers in each class:
Mustafa (4NG), Shohrat (4RE), Aiza (4SH), Ibrahim (4TW)

Article of the week, Holocaust Memorial Day, is on the 27th January every year.

We learn to remember events that have happened so we can prevent it from happening again. This week's article of the week links to:

Article 2 - The Convention applies to every child without discrimination

Article 19 - Protection from violence, abuse and neglect

Article 37- No child should be tortured, sentenced to death, imprisoned unfairly or treated in a cruel or inhuman way

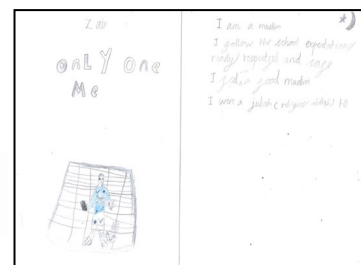
Article 38- No child under 15 should join the army and children should be protected in war.

Each person in the whole world should be respected by one another. We can learn more, empathise more and do more.—Alyzah

It doesn't matter what religion or faith you have so you should still be respected by others. – Renad

It doesn't matter what God you believe in, we should respect others. – Zain

We created drawings that show there is only one me to represent that everyone is different and should be treated equally.

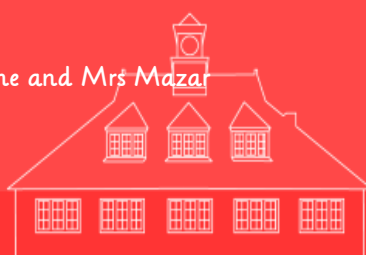


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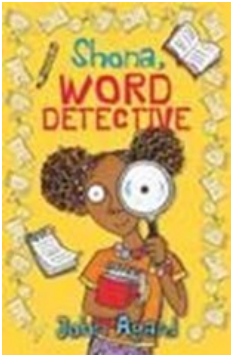
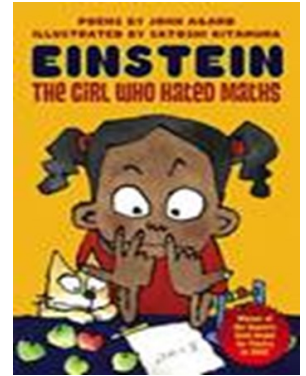
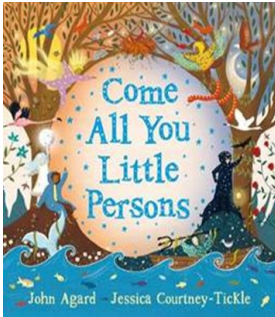
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'Author of the Month'

John Agard



He was born in Guyana in the continent of South America.



- * In 1977, he moved from his home near the Caribbean Sea and came to live in the United Kingdom.
- * Lots of his poems address his experiences of being black and an immigrant.
- * He became a lecturer to promote a better understanding of Caribbean culture.
- * Over the course of the next 8 years he visited 2,500 schools!
- * This gave him the inspiration to start writing poetry for children.
- * Since then, he has published more than 50 books of poetry for all ages, stories and non-fiction, including A Caribbean Dozen for which he received help from his wife.



His awards include the Casa de las Americas Poetry Prize, the Paul Hamlyn Award and the 2012 Queen's Gold Medal for poetry. Here he is being presented with the award by Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.



Year 4 Times Tables Champions Crowned



After a week of heavy mental maths, **4TW** have been crowned the Times Table Rockstar champions of Year 4!

Pupils in 4TW have worked incredibly hard. Not only did they have the highest accuracy when answering questions, the class also had the highest levels of participation (average correct answers per pupil).

However, as the tables below testify, 4TW did not have it all their own way. As you can see below, 4SH were very worthy runners up. Also, there were notable performances in every class. Thanks to everyone for their fantastic hard work!

MULTIPLICATION TABLE			
1x	2x	3x	4x
1 x 1 = 1	2 x 1 = 2	3 x 1 = 3	4 x 1 = 4
2 x 1 = 2	2 x 2 = 4	3 x 2 = 6	4 x 2 = 8
3 x 1 = 3	3 x 2 = 6	3 x 3 = 9	4 x 3 = 12
4 x 1 = 4	4 x 2 = 8	4 x 3 = 12	4 x 4 = 16
5 x 1 = 5	5 x 2 = 10	5 x 3 = 15	5 x 4 = 20
6 x 1 = 6	6 x 2 = 12	6 x 3 = 18	6 x 4 = 24
7 x 1 = 7	7 x 2 = 14	7 x 3 = 21	7 x 4 = 28
8 x 1 = 8	8 x 2 = 16	8 x 3 = 24	8 x 4 = 32
9 x 1 = 9	9 x 2 = 18	9 x 3 = 27	9 x 4 = 36
10 x 1 = 10	10 x 2 = 20	10 x 3 = 30	10 x 4 = 40
11 x 1 = 11	11 x 2 = 22	11 x 3 = 33	11 x 4 = 44
12 x 1 = 12	12 x 2 = 24	12 x 3 = 36	12 x 4 = 48
5x	6x	7x	8x
1 x 5 = 5	1 x 6 = 6	1 x 7 = 7	1 x 8 = 8
2 x 5 = 10	2 x 6 = 12	2 x 7 = 14	2 x 8 = 16
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5 x 5 = 25	5 x 6 = 30	5 x 7 = 35	5 x 8 = 40
6 x 5 = 30	6 x 6 = 36	6 x 7 = 42	6 x 8 = 48
7 x 5 = 35	7 x 6 = 42	7 x 7 = 49	7 x 8 = 56
8 x 5 = 40	8 x 6 = 48	8 x 7 = 56	8 x 8 = 64
9 x 5 = 45	9 x 6 = 54	9 x 7 = 63	9 x 8 = 72
10 x 5 = 50	10 x 6 = 60	10 x 7 = 70	10 x 8 = 80
11 x 5 = 55	11 x 6 = 66	11 x 7 = 77	11 x 8 = 88
12 x 5 = 60	12 x 6 = 72	12 x 7 = 84	12 x 8 = 96
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9 x 9 = 81	9 x 10 = 90	9 x 11 = 99	9 x 12 = 108
10 x 9 = 90	10 x 10 = 100	10 x 11 = 110	10 x 12 = 120
11 x 9 = 99	11 x 10 = 110	11 x 11 = 121	11 x 12 = 132
12 x 9 = 108	12 x 10 = 120	12 x 11 = 132	12 x 12 = 144

Accuracy		
1 st	4TW	95.1%
2 nd	4SH	93.8%
3 rd	4RE	93.6%
4th	4NG	90.4%

Average Correct Answers Per Pupil Per Class		
1 st	4TW	1421
2 nd	4SH	1064
3 rd	4NG	402
4th	4RE	256

Top Scores in Each Class		
4TW	Ibrahim	12,627
4SH	Aiza	5,325
4RE	Shohrat	1,355
4NG	Mustafa	584

The next times tables competition in Y4 will run over half term - details to follow. A competition for Y3 is also on the horizon, so watch this space...

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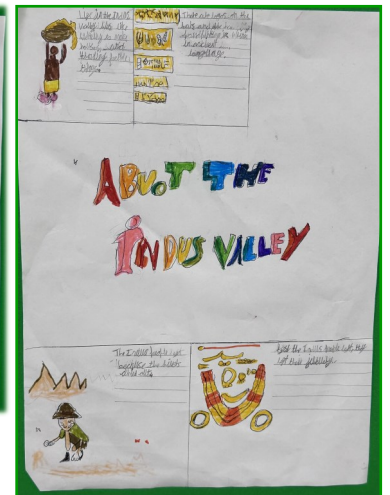
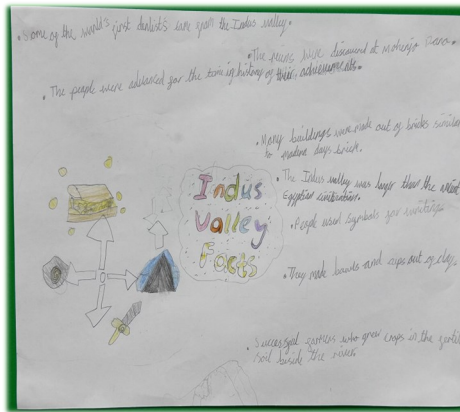
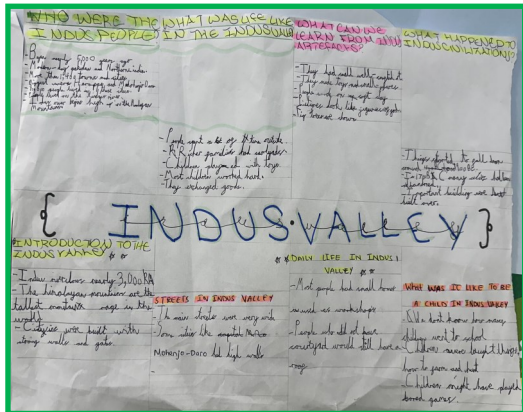
Year 3



This half term, the children have been focusing on 'Ancient Civilisation' for their History topic. They have produced some brilliant creative homework! Some children explored their creative side and produced pyramids, whereas some children used the internet to search for facts about Ancient Civilisation to share.



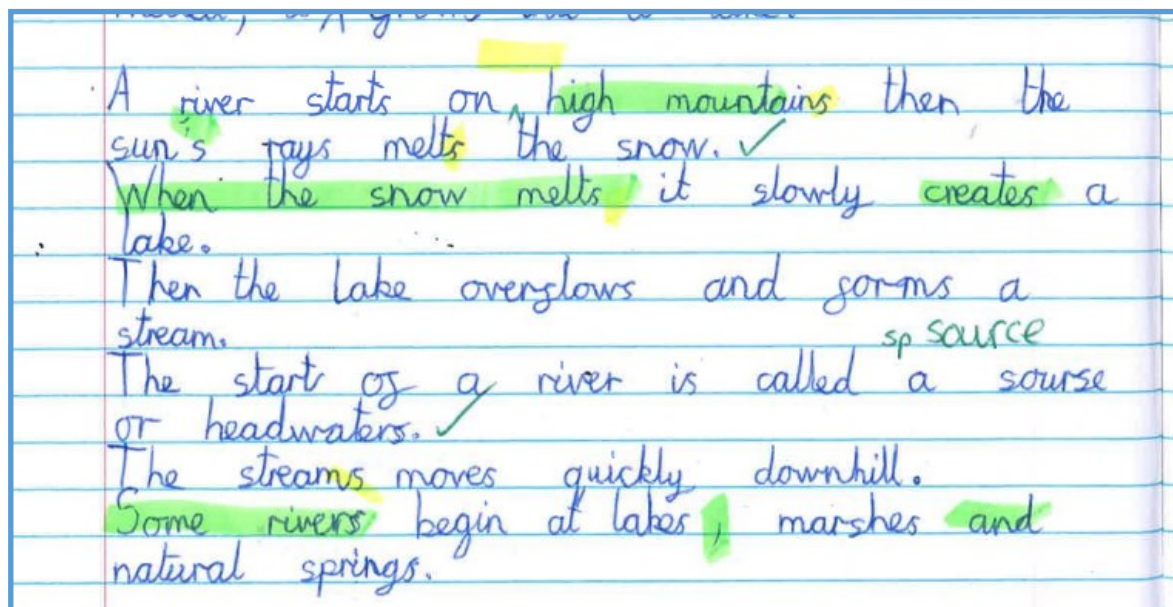
The teachers have been really impressed with all the creative homework – a very big well done from the Year 3 team!



Year 4

In Year Four, we have been using our knowledge from the Geography topic of **Rivers** in our Reading and Writing lessons. This week we have been learning in detail about the three main stages of a river - the upper, middle and lower courses.

We have been drafting sentences to explain what we know. We are getting even better at re-reading what we have written to make further improvements. The green highlights show the vocabulary and punctuation we are proud of and the yellow helps us know where we could make changes to make our writing even more accurate and more effective.



Year 5

In our Art lessons, Year 5 have taken inspiration from the Tudor era artist **Pieter Bruegel** and contemporary artist **Lubaina Himid**. The children used a variety of techniques learnt over their time in Thornton to create amazing freestanding figures. We think they are great!



Hareem 5ST



Khadija 5ST



Tayyib 5ST



Ruqayyah 5TR

Year 6

In Year 6, we are learning about **Mexico**.

We have looked at Mexico's geographical location and also its imports and exports. This week, the Year 6 students studied some of Mexico's favourite foods. They then created their own recipe for a **Mexican Burrito**. The children were then asked to create their burrito with the ingredients they have chosen. The students then were able to eat their burrito and then consider what they would add or take away if they were to make it in the future.



School Attendance

Our school attendance last week was 93.6%

Class Attendance

Congratulations to **4SH** for achieving 100% attendance for the last week. Mrs Grace did a surprise visit to the class and they have been rewarded with a £25 gift voucher which will be used to purchase new classroom resources.



Well done to classes **3SQ, 5BA and 5ST** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week.

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
10 minutes late each day	6 ½ days lost
15 minutes 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 5th February

Year 5

Tuesday 6th February
Year 3

Wednesday 7th February
Year 4

Thursday 8th February
Year 6

Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 9th February
Swimming for class 4SH

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.



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