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West Thornton Weekly Newsletter

21st March 2025



We are delighted to share with you that this week West Thornton won the '**Outstanding Progress Award**' in the primary category at the national Education Business Awards. This recognition reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff and the impact of the collaborative work across our trust. We are extremely proud.

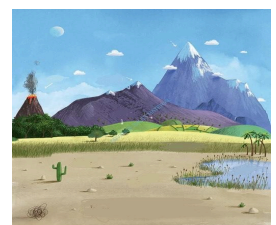
Elsewhere, children in a number of year groups have taken advantage of the improving weather by getting out of school and enjoying their educational visits. Year 5 have continued their swimming lessons, with many children improving. Year 6 enjoyed their Immersive experience where they jumped into the role of WW2 evacuees by exploring what a day in their life was like for these children. This learning will help them in their History and English Writing - where they will be writing in role as one of these children. Finally, Year 2 had a wonderful day at London Zoo on Thursday. The children were very excited to see lions, tigers, gorillas and a whole host of other animals and couldn't wait to get back to school to start writing their animal fact files based on their favourite creatures from the day.

Curriculum Focus

Reception



In literacy lessons this week the children have used their core text 'Here We Are' to take a closer look at planet Earth. They have explored Earth's land and sea, comparing the similarities and differences between the two. Using their phonic knowledge the





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children have written some amazing sentences about what they see on the land and in the sea.

In maths lessons the children have been introduced to 3D shapes. They have used their pre-existing knowledge of 2D shapes to describe the properties of 3D shapes and they have identified 3D shapes in everyday objects. They have had great fun building with 3D shapes and going on a shape hunt around the school.

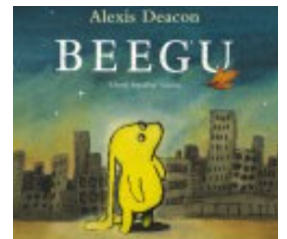
This week has been a DT focus during topic lessons. The children were very excited to explore the parts of a rocket and watch videos of rocket launches. Using this newly acquired information the children have been busy designing and making their own rockets. 🚀

Year One

This week in Year 1, the children started the week by showcasing their excellent writing skills by innovating their own version of their core text 'Beegu'. They used a variety of skills to change the setting of their stories showing great



understanding of the text. They then started their new core text 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davis. They immersed themselves in the text by making predictions about the text and imagined where the magic door would take them. They have been busy exploring the different characters and writing sentences to describe them.



In maths this week, the children have been learning about capacity and volume. They had fun experimenting with a variety of containers and working out which had the greatest capacity. They then had to use their problem solving skills to work out how many containers they would need to fill another one.

In the wider curriculum, the children have been busy designing their own moving picture that they will create for their final outcome in DT. They carefully thought about the research they have done on moving pictures so far, to help them make a decision on the type of picture they will make next week, we look forward to seeing their final pieces!



In geography, as part of our learning about the UK, we learnt about the traditions and customs of Scotland. We learnt about their national flower, flag, patron Saint, traditional clothing and ended by tasting some delicious Scottish shortbread.



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Year Two

This week, year 2 has been very busy with their learning. In year 2, we went on an amazing and exciting trip to London Zoo! This was part of our science unit wherein we are learning about animals and their habitats. At London Zoo we had the opportunity to see gorillas, lions, tigers and even sloths. The children had an amazing time, not only learning about these animals but also they got to experience these animals in real life.



Year Three



It has been a very busy and fabulous week in year 3 where children went back in time to think about what life was like in the Stone Age! The scene was set perfectly for them to get fully immersed when they arrived at school to find that the zones and the adults had gone through Stone Age transformations!



The week began with an immersive lesson in the Stone Age as we began our new core text, Stone Age Boy. The children enjoyed taking part in a range of activities including recreating cave paintings and paleolithic writing as well as sculpting items using clay.



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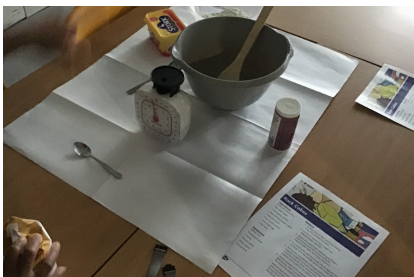
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Later on in the week, the children were further immersed in Stone Age life when they watched an exciting performance from a theatre company where they handled artefacts and found out about the day in the life of a Stone Age girl.



This week, to begin our new maths topic of measures, the children made rock cakes. They learned to read scales accurately using weighing scales and jugs while making this tasty treat. The children then went on to read scales which had different intervals. Then they went on to use this skill in science where they were able to measure how much water was absorbed by different types of soil.



In art, the children made natural vegetable dyes using beetroot, red cabbage and turmeric. They used the 'line and resist' technique of drawing their design onto fabric using wax then brushing the dyes they had created onto the fabric to create their own Bologan cloths.



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Year Four

This week in Year 4, we have been diving into some exciting topics across various subjects! In **Maths**, we've been focusing on **tenths**, learning to express them as equivalent **decimals**, **fractions**, and in **words**. This has helped us build a strong understanding of how these forms are related.

In **English**, we have been exploring **clauses** and **fronted adverbials** to help us structure an **explanation text**. We have been writing about life in **Ancient Greece**, developing our skills in organizing ideas clearly and coherently.

In **Science**, we have continued our exploration of **sound**. This week, we've focused on the inner workings of the **ear** and have gained a deeper understanding of how we hear sounds, making our lessons both fun and informative!

In **Design & Technology**, we've been learning about the **Parthenon**. We are excited to take the next step in our project and will soon begin constructing our models. The process is an excellent way to link history with hands-on learning!

In **Reading**, we've been looking at the poem *For Forest* by **Grace Nichols**. We've been developing our skills in **vocabulary** and practicing **inference** questions, which has sparked some interesting discussions in class.

We've had a productive week in Year 4 and are looking forward to the next one!

Year Five

English: This week in Year 5 English students have been writing and publishing an inner monologue of either Miss Murphy (the mean teacher) or Emily (one of the peers) from our core text 'A Kind of Spark'. Students have been including features of a monologue such as; sensory descriptors, similes, repetition, rhetorical questions, first person vocabulary and present tense.



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Maths: This week in Maths we have been looking at how to correctly convert percentages and decimals. Students have also been looking at how to get the same information from a bar model as well as a 100's chart and finding the similarities between the two.

Science: This week in Science we were looking at gravity, friction and in particular air friction. Students conducted an experiment where they got to create their own parachutes of different sizes (independent variable) and we dropped them from the same height (controlled variable) to see which one would have the most air resistance, we also timed this to get the correct data.

Year Six

Well done to Year 6 for another packed week. The amount of focus and dedication to learning this week has been extremely impressive and all children have shown our value of excellence. Maths learning has ranged from children learning about angles, measuring using a protractor and calculating angles using knowledge of right angles, angles in a straight line and angles around a point. There has also been some continued learning on area, perimeter and volume with children solving problems by breaking down the question step by step. Some children have moved on to learning about coordinates and after plotting coordinates on a grid, they began to learn about reflection and translation of shapes and points. They worked systematically to ensure accuracy.

In reading, we have continued to explore different question types, with a focus on locating evidence in a text to answer questions. Children have improved their accuracy when answering these questions by reading their answers back and checking they have answered the question carefully. We recommend that children continue to read at home as much as possible to ensure they are building their reading stamina.

In English, we have continued to explore our suspense narratives, using dialogue to advance the action and think carefully about vocabulary when describing a setting. We are excited to see the writing evolve as children have begun to develop their own ideas to innovate the story.

Reading

Please remember to record your reading in your Reading Records at home - it would be amazing to see some of the comments you are making being based on the strategies you are focusing on in school.



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Attendance

Well done to the following classes with 97% and above

RR Year 3 Larch Class

RR Year 4 Acacia Class

RR Year 4 Yew Class

RR Year 5 Cypress Class

RR Year 6 Juniper Class

CR Year 5 Hawthorn Class

REMINDER

Every minute counts

The playground gates open at **8.40am**. Children are collected and taken upstairs to their classrooms at **8.45am**. As lessons start promptly once the children are in school, it is important they are not late.

5 minutes late a day = 3 days lost per year

10 minutes late a day = 6 days lost per year

15 minutes late a day = 10 days lost per year

30 minutes late a day = 19 days lost per year

If your child has a dentist, optician, or doctor appointment, please ensure it is scheduled after school or during the school holidays whenever possible. By booking in advance, you can arrange appointments during the holidays to avoid disruptions to their learning.

Phrases of the Week



¿Qué te gusta? - What do you like?

Me gusta el chocolate. - I like chocolate.



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Stars of the Week

YR Ash	YR Oak	YR Pine	YR Willow	
Yusuf	Jesman	Kaleem	Hazel	
Alita	Anne-Maire	Abdullah	Maida	
Y1 Elm	Y1 Fir	Y1 Lime	Y1 Maple	
Anaum	Hareem	Joseph	Ammarah	
Akhai	Jessica	Alicia	Tharun	
Y2 Aspen	Y2 Palm	Y2 Rowan	Y2 Spruce	
Katie	Thanvi	Amelia	Whole Class	
Whole class	Kyarah	Szymon		
Y3 Cedar	Y3 Cherry	Y3 Larch	Y3 Walnut	Y3 Chestnut
Rayya	Gessica	Riaab	Patrick	Mercy
Kaseon	Maryama	Joy	Charlotte	Aadia
Y4 Acacia	Y4 Beech	Y4 Hornbeam	Y4 Olive	Y4 Yew
Emily	Sapna	Ibrahim	Whole Class	Khaleesi
Arleen	Leidy	Yaqub		Chinmay
Y5 Cypress	Y5 Hawthorn	Y5 Magnolia	Y5 Silver Birch	Y5 Sycamore
Satvic	Alaela	Whole	Arham	Whole class
Elijah S	Dominykas	Class	Izza	
Y6 Blackthorn	Y6 Eucalyptus	Y6 Juniper	Y6 Holly	Y6 Acer
Alishba	Ayushi	Nissi	Rex Harrison	Skye
Parth	Mailee	Kishiwaleh	Archie	Zlatko



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Spanish	KS1 PE	KS2 PE	KS1 Music	KS2 Music
Elijah S Cypress				

Community

FREE Family Fun!

Keep the kids busy this Easter

7th to 16th April • All materials provided

- Create your own Easter art**
- Dip dyed collageing**
- Fun with paper cut-outs**
- Decorate Easter cupcakes**
- Family engineering challenge**
- Soft toy sewing**
- Sustainable sewing**
- Taskmaster**




Fun and Free! For parents, carers and children over 5 (unless stated), this is an amazing opportunity to create and learn in a nurturing and inclusive setting.

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Club



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- On Full Benefits and going back to Work or College - upto 100% fees paid
- Universal Credit claimants - upto 80% fees paid
- University student - Childcare Grant Payment upto 80% fees paid
- Working - Childcare choices & Voucher scheme Tax relief



Open Hours:

Monday – Friday
Breakfast 07:30 am – 09:00 am
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- TOURNAMENTS & MORE

DON'T FORGET:

Appropriate clothing & spares
Trainers & Football Boots
Nut-free packed lunch
Water Bottle

"I have two sons attending WZA and both can't wait to get out the door in the morning to attend camp! They love the coaches and the new friends they made. Champions League is the ultimate day on a Friday and they always come out with huge smiles on their faces!"

Geogina, Parent (Kenley)

"My sons and daughter have all taken part in the camp this summer and our first experience of wzacademy has been amazing! The coaches are fantastic with kids and make them want to come back everyday. They make it fun and all the children leave with happy faces! I can't recommend the camp highly enough!! We will be back for half term camp!"

Kelly-Anne, Parent (Hayes)

"Both of my boys love coming along to WZA! We travel 30 miles to come because they love it so much! The coaches are amazing and the boys always look forward to coming along!"

Leah, Parent (Kenley)



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WEST THORNTON COMMUNITY MEETING

Join **West Thornton Safer Neighbourhood Team** for a community meeting together with **local councillors** and **Sarah Jones MP**.

Wednesday, 9th April from 18:30 – 20:30
St Jude with St Aidan Church, CR7 6BA

HAVE YOUR SAY AND HELP US KEEP YOU SAFE

We will discuss the issues in our ward and raise any other concerns you may have about West Thornton.

Working **together with the community** is key to helping us **deal with crime** and **keep people safe**. It helps us prioritise our work and identify problem areas, and come up with **solutions that work for everyone**.

**JOIN US AND MAKE
YOUR VOICE HEARD.**



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Sibling Discount



Zamariah's
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£55 for BOTH

EASTER WORKSHOPS

WICKED

Monday 7th April 2025

8.30am - 3.30pm

Ages 4-13 years
£30



Join us for a spellbinding Wicked-themed workshop, starting with a fun dance routine. The rest of the day will be packed with Wicked-themed games, songs, and arts & crafts, making it an unforgettable experience for all!

Don't miss out on this magical adventure!

Join us for a roaring Mufasa-themed workshop, starting with an energetic dance routine! The rest of the day will be filled with thrilling Mufasa-inspired games, songs, and arts & crafts, making it an unforgettable experience for all!

Don't miss out on this wild adventure!



Tuesday 8th April 2025

8.30am - 3.30pm

Ages 4-13 years
£30

Tiara & Crown's

Wednesday 9th April 2025

10am - 11.30am

Ages 3-8 years
£12

Royal Fantasy Dress-Up & Play Workshop!
Calling all little princes and princesses! Join us for a magical adventure filled with dancing, games, and dress-up fun. Children can step into a fairy tale as they wear royal outfits, twirl on the dance floor, enjoy enchanting stories and take part in exciting games and crafts.

LOCATION

The Shoestring Theatre
Oakley Road
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SE25 4XG

To book

Email: zda.asc@outlook.com

Limited spaces!

Book now to avoid disappointment