

Hello everyone

A BIG thank you to all the Year 6 parents/carers who were able to attend the **Reading for Pleasure workshop** this morning. It was great to share our passion for reading with you in school.

Year 5 were excellent ambassadors this week on their trip to **Balaji Temple** and received high praise for their fantastic manners and displays of respect. **Well done, Year 5 and thank you, we're proud of you!**

Here's a quick reminder about what's coming up in the next few weeks:

Friday 8th December — Christmas Jumper Day for ALL children (or your own clothes!)

Tuesday 19th December — Years 3 and 5 Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th December — Years 4 and 6 Christmas Dinner

Friday 22nd December — 9am Year 3 Nativity for Year 3 parents and carers

Monday 8th January 2024 — Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 9th January 2024 — 8.30am ALL children return to school



As the weather is now much colder, please can I remind you to send your child/ren to school in **a warm, waterproof coat** (with their name on!), as well as gloves and hats. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a great weekend everyone, and stay warm!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

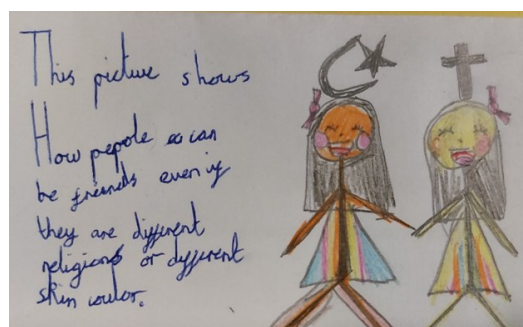
ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



Article 14: I have the right to choose what I believe and to practice my religion.

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practice their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

November and December are both very important months for different religions as there are lots of religious festivals. Sikhs celebrate the birthday of Guru Nanak in November and Hindus celebrate Diwali. Jews celebrate Hanukkah in December, Buddhists celebrate Bodhi day and Christians celebrate Christmas. At Thornton, we celebrate different religions in our assemblies.
by Hayza 3SP



Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace

Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason

Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rowbone and Mrs Mazal

Chair of Governors—Mr Amjid Ali



Thornton Road

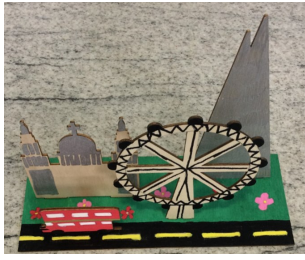
Ward End,

Birmingham B8 2LQ

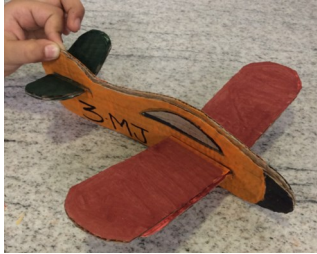
0121 327 0824

enquiry@thornton.bham.sch.uk

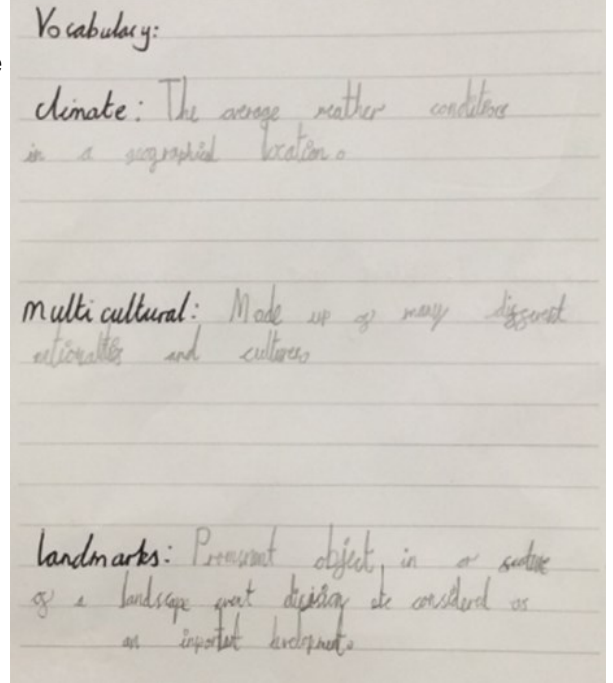
Year 3



This half term, the children have been focusing on **'This is the UK'** for their Geography topic. They have produced some amazing homework! Some children used their creative side and created Big Ben, whereas, some children used the internet to search for facts about the United Kingdom.

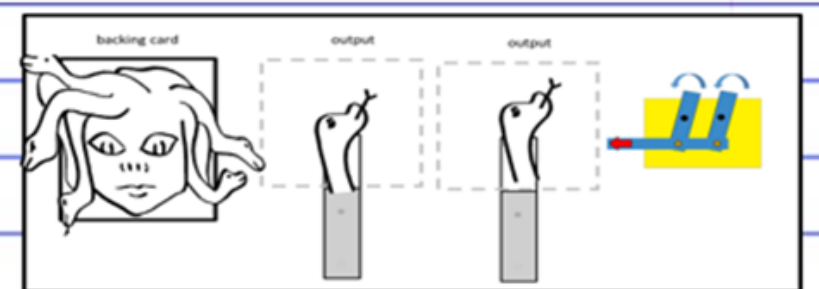
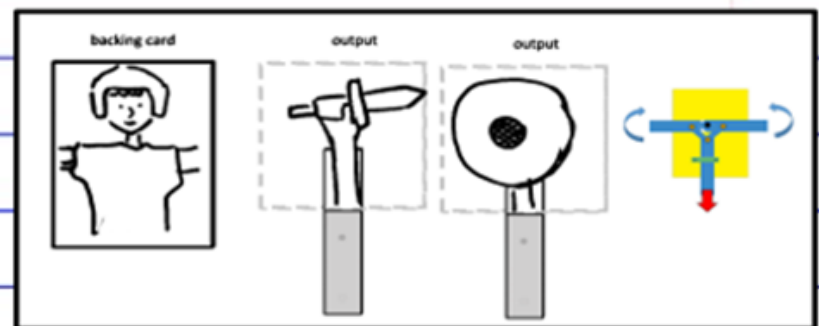
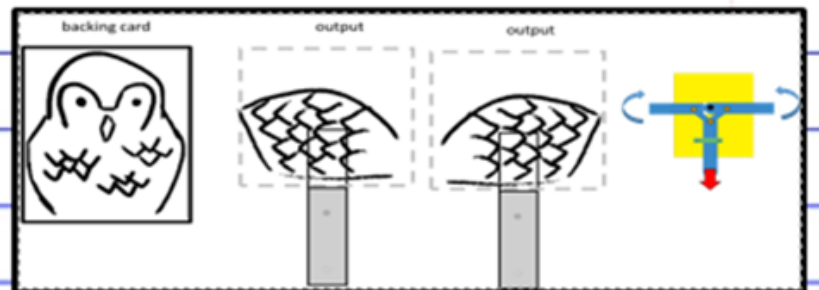


The teachers have been really impressed with those children who have completed their creative homework – well done from the Year 3 team!



Year 4

This week, in Year 4 our design technology (DT) lessons we looked at the **output for each mechanism to create a moving card**. We created ideas for our moving card and discussed the movement we wanted it to make. On the back card we drew our design. Then we drew the output to show the moving parts. We are looking forward to next week when we will be creating our moving card.



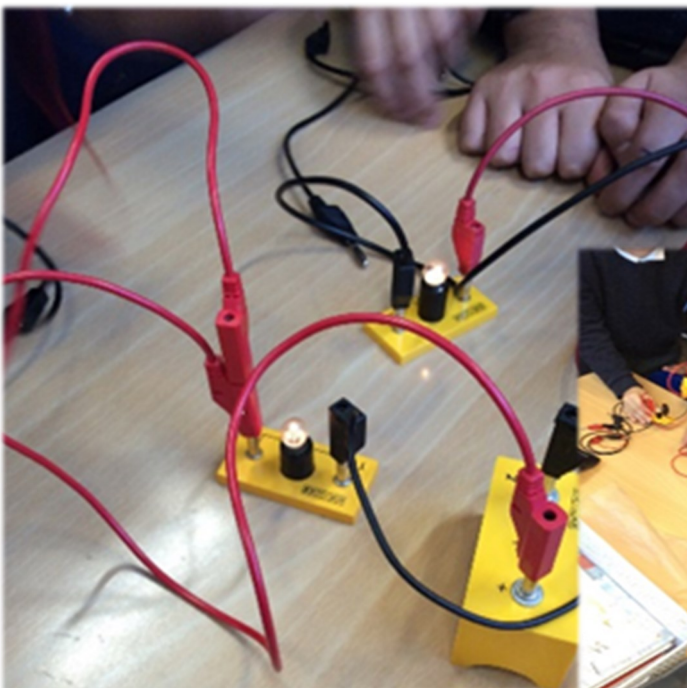
Year 5

Year 5 had the amazing opportunity to visit one of the largest Hindu temples in Europe: **the Shri Venkateswara Temple, more commonly known as the Balaji Temple**. Our guide explained that traditionally Hindu temples are built away from built up areas near nature, where the air is fresher. The belief is that this helps people to erase negative thoughts and focus on being better human beings. The children were very quick to make links between this and Happy Breathing and how they could use it when they feel anger or jealousy. Year 5 also explored the site visiting several of the shrines; each of which is dedicated to a different deity.



Year 6

In science this week, Year 6 have explored the **differences between series and parallel circuits** and compared them to see which is more effective. We found out that the series circuits are more powerful as a higher voltage is being distributed between less lightbulbs, whereas in a parallel circuit, the same voltage is being distributed between a greater number of lightbulbs.



School Attendance

Class Attendance

Congratulations! Well done to the following classes who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above last week.

Our school attendance last week was 95.1%

Year 3 3SQ **Year 4** 4SH **Year 5** 5BA
5ZY

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



Parent Pay

Could you please ensure that all Dinner, Breakfast and Afterschool club debts have been cleared at the start of each week. If you need any support with payment please contact the school office for support.

Dinner money and Club money must be paid in advance via Parent Pay, thank you.

Dinner money is £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week.

Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and £1.00 for any siblings.

After school club is £4.00 per day and £2.00 for any siblings.

A late pickup charge (£4) is made for any pupils picked up after 4pm.

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 4th December
Year 6

Tuesday 5th December
Year 4

Wednesday 6th December
Year 3

Thursday 7th December
Year 5

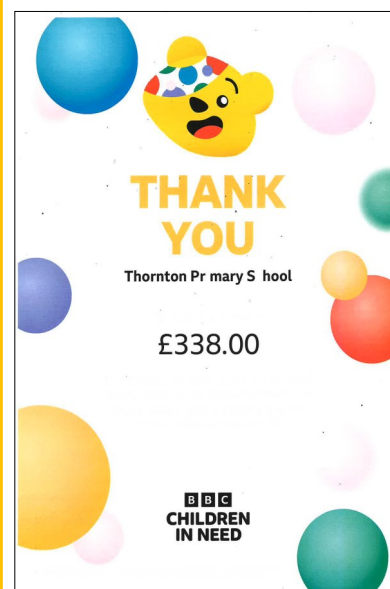
Swimming for Class 4RE

Friday 8th December
Swimming for class 4SH

Children In need

A huge thank you to everyone who helped us raise money for Children In Need.

We have raised **£338.00**.



Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rawbone and Mrs Mazar
Chair of Governors—Mr Amjid Ali



Thornton Road
Ward End,
Birmingham B8 2LQ
0121 327 0824