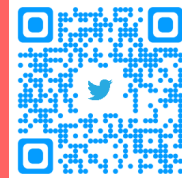




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Hello everyone

We are starting off this week with a very well deserved '**congratulations**' to **Mrs Scott**, Senior Office Manager, for successfully completing her **BA Business Management degree!** Mrs Scott has been working extremely hard both in school and out of school over the past 4 years to gain this qualification and we are all incredibly proud of her.



We are also extremely proud of Aleya (3SQ) and her sister who have been supporting their mum, **Mrs Miah, who is the Community Champion at Tesco's Birmingham Hodge Hill Superstore!** They have been busy selling cakes to raise money for the charity cancer research. Mrs Miah is working closely with the #thorntonfamily to help our families in need. Tesco has very generously donated food and clothing products to support our community. **We are very grateful for Tesco's support and look forward to partnering up with them** to provide much needed help for our most vulnerable families. If you need any additional support with food and clothing, please speak with a member of SLT (on the school gates



at the start and end of each school day) or Miss Devi, our fantastic Pastoral Manager and we will do our best to support you. In two weeks time, we will be sending a few small groups of pupils to Tesco for a fund-raising visit—we can't wait! Thank you, Tesco!

A BIG thank you to everyone who attended **Parents' Evening** this week, it was lovely to welcome you in to school to share your child's progress with you. Don't worry if you haven't managed to book your appointment yet, there are still a few spaces left for next **Wednesday 5th February (3.45-6.15pm)**. Please look for the link in your emails to book an appointment with your child's class teacher, thank you.



Year 4 have been working super hard over the past few weeks in preparation for their **Chinese New Year Assembly** on **Monday 3rd February 9-9.30am**. We are looking forward to sharing their talents with all the Year 4 parents/carers so please try to join us if you can!

Please take a moment to read the rest of the newsletter, in particular the next page to find out who our **Time Table Rock Star competition winners** are...



On **Friday next week, from 8.45-9.45**, we are holding our **'time to talk' coffee morning** with **COMPASS Mental Health Support Team** as special guests. COMPASS will be available to provide advice and guidance about additional support you can access for your child regarding emotional wellbeing support. They will talk about how to complete a referral to access this support, and will be on hand to help you complete a referral during the session. It would be great to welcome as many parents/carers as possible on Friday morning!



Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher

Headteacher - Mrs Cathy Grace
Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rawbone and Mrs Mazar
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Round 2 – Times Tables Rockstar Competition

The second round of Thornton's Times Tables Rockstar competition has now drawn to a close. As can be seen below, there have been some excellent class and individual performances. In the coming months, there will be one further group round, and also a knock-out stage. So, there is still quite some way to go, and still plenty of individual prizes to be won. In the meantime, our pupils will be practising for the next round, which starts on **17th March 2025**.

Mr Mason – Deputy Headteacher/Maths Lead

Year 3 Overall Standings

Position	Team	Round Points	Round Class Top Scorer	Overall Points
1 st	Celtic (3ST)	4 (1 st)	Aayan	8
= 2 nd	Borussia Dortmund (3MJ)	2 (3 rd)	Ibraheem	5
= 2 nd	Sporting Lisbon (3SQ)	3 (2 nd)	Abdul Raheem	5
4 th	Feyenoord (3GJ)	1 (4 th)	Zaynab	2

Year 4 Overall Standings

Position	Team	Round Points	Round Class Top Scorer	Overall Points
1 st	Bayern Munich (4NG)	4 (1 st)	Aayan	8
2 nd	Monaco (4SH)	2 (3 rd)	Tayyab	5
3 rd	Club Brugge (4AA)	3 (2 nd)	Rayyan	4
4 th	Atalanta (4TW)	1 (4 th)	Eesa	2



Year 5 Overall Standings

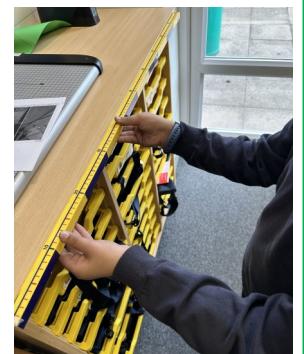
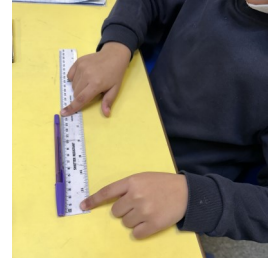
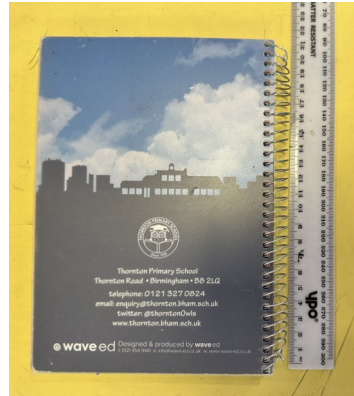
Position	Team	Round Points	Round Class Top Scorer	Overall Points
1 st	Real Madrid (5ZY)	3 (2 nd)	Mustafa	7
= 2 nd	Inter Milan (5BA)	2 (3 rd)	Aiza	5
= 2 nd	Juventus (5TR)	4 (1 st)	Juwayriya	5
4 th	RB Leipzig (5ST)	1 (4 th)	Musa	3

Year 6 Overall Standings

Position	Team	Round Points	Round Class Top Scorer	Overall Points
=1 st	AC Milan (6HB)	3 (2 nd)	Esaa	7
=1 st	Bayer Leverkusen (6ZB)	4 (1 st)	Ibraheem	7
=3 rd	Barcelona (6NI)	1 (4 th)	Ayo	3
=3 rd	PSG (6MF)	2 (3 rd)	Isa	3

Year 3

This week, the children began their new topic on **measurement** in maths, diving into centimetres and metres. They explored what 30cm looks like and had the chance to compare it with a full 1-metre ruler. The children quickly grasped the concept of starting at 0cm when measuring, which helped them get accurate results. For their activity, they had a lot of fun measuring various objects around the room with rulers, turning the lesson into a hands-on and engaging experience! It was a great way for them to bring the concepts to life.



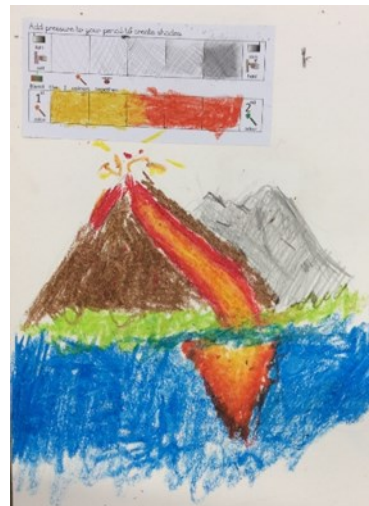
Find items in the classroom that are the following lengths.

Write your answers in the table.

Less than 10 cm long	Between 10 cm and 1 m long	More than 1 m long
Pencil ✓ Sharpener ✓ Tub caps ✓ Sissors ✓	book Whitboard	Table

Year 4

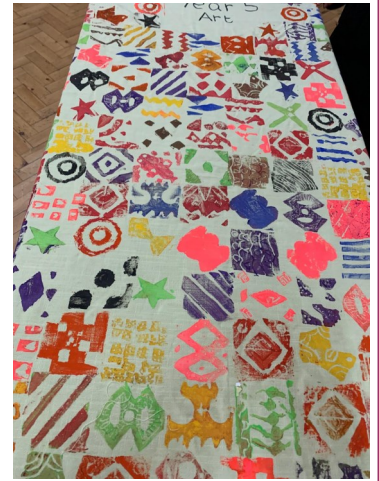
Over the last 6 weeks, the children in Year 4 have been developing their control of pencil and oil pastels to create their own imagined volcanoes and mountains. They looked at the artwork of **American photographer Ansel Adams** and contemporary **British artist David Hockney** to create different marks, tones and textures within their own landscape drawings.



Year 5



Year 5 wrapped up their topic on **The Ancient Kingdom of Benin** with an exhibition celebrating the children's hard work over the last six weeks. Taking inspiration from the skilful Edo artisans, Year 5 created masks in the style of the Benin Bronzes. They also designed and printed their own patterns on cloth in the West African style.



Parents were invited to view the exhibits and representatives from each class were on hand to share their knowledge of their recent topic.

Well done, Year 5!



Year 6

In Topic this week we looked at a map of **Mexico**. We used the DigiMap app and located 9 cities and marked them on the copy of the map in our Topic books. Once we located the cities and marked them on the map, we then created a glossary and researched and recorded some facts about the cities that we had located. We also drew a symbol that we thought represented Mexico.

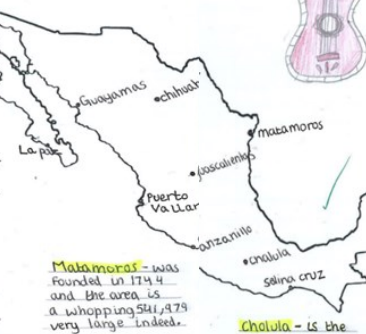
Outline of Mexico

Guaymas - is a port city which receives ships from many places in the world. Several fishing/shrimping fleets based around the bay.

La Paz - was founded in 1535 by Spanish explorer Hernan Cortes. The area eventually became a major hub for pearl diving during the 16th cen.

Puerto Vallarta - the modern town site dates from the mid 1800s and its formal port from 1885. Name changed in 1918.

Salina Cruz - is known for being the last community formed in the isthmus that's why its inhabitants are called "Xhincos"



Chihuahua - is the richest city and state in Mexico. In 2010 it had the population of 809,233. The city is named after Chihuahuas.

Agua Calientes - is sometimes called the "perforated city" because of the labyrinth of tunnels dug beneath it by the areas pre-Columbian inhabitants.

Manizillo - is known as the saffron capital of the world. In 1957 336 species were caught in its waters.

Cholula - is the oldest continually inhabited city in Mexico.

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Mexico - is the 14th largest country in the world. It is a federal republic with 32 states and a federal district. The national flag consists of three vertical stripes of green, white, and red, with the Mexican coat of arms in the center.

Los Angeles - is the modern name of the Aztec name Tenochtitlan, which means 'The place where the water is clear'.

Mexico City - is the capital and largest city in Mexico. It is located in the Valley of Mexico, a large basin in the center of the country.

San Juan de los Rios - was founded as a Franciscan mission in 1583 and made a city in 1658.

Outline of Mexico

Did you know that:

- Mexico is located in North America.
- Mexico is the hardest working country.
- 8 of the 52 U.S. States belongs to Mexico.
- Tourism is one of the main contributors to Mexico's economy.



Communication and Autism



Access to
Education

Communication and Autism Team (CAT) SPRING 2025 - Parent carer Advice Sessions online

We would like to invite you to a one-to-one advice session alongside a CAT, to support parent carers of children with a diagnosis of autism or children who are on the neurodevelopmental pathway for assessment.

The sessions will take place online via Microsoft TEAM's and will last for 25 minutes.

Sessions are available on the following dates between 9am – 12pm

10th February 2025
11th February 2025
12th February 2025

Due to limited places, the sessions will be offered to the first families to contact us.

To reserve a place please email: wendy.p.bantock@birmingham.gov.uk or joanne.clifford@birmingham.gov.uk

You will receive an email response to confirm your booking including the date and time of your session or to tell you that the sessions are full for this term. (We will be delivering more sessions online next term for parent carers.)

Please include in your email / booking that it is for the:

SPRING 2025 – CAT Parent carer Advice Sessions online

- Your name – Parent carer
- Your Child's name
- Your Child's school
- Please include in your preferred email contact for the TEAM's invite to be sent to
- And a brief description of the things you would like to talk about in the session, so that the CAT can prepare and make sure the advice is relevant to your child.

Jo Clifford, Wendy Bantock, Dawn Fisher, Viv Walters and Lisa Walmsley.

School Attendance

Our school attendance last week was 93.8%

Golden Ticket Initiative

How does the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

All the pupils have an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** which earns them an amazing and fun attendance treat later in the term!

- **Spring Term Silver Award** – Pupils need to achieve **98%** and above to qualify. More details of the reward will follow in the Spring Term!
- **Summer Term Gold Award** – Pupils need to achieve **100%** for the for the whole academic year to qualify. Look out for the grand reveal of which theme park the children will be visiting for the day at the end of the academic year!



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 3rd February
Year 3

Tuesday 4th February
Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.
4NG MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 5th February
Year 4

Thursday 6th February
Year 6

Friday 7th February
Year 5

Dates to Remember

Monday 3rd February
Year 4 Chinese New Year
Assembly for Yr 4 Parents

Tuesday 4th February
4SH & 4TW
Lapworth Museum Trip
Wednesday 5th February

Parents Evening
3:45-6:15pm

Thursday 6th February
4AA & 4NG

Lapworth Museum Trip
Friday 7th February

Time to talk parents coffee
morning with COMPASS.

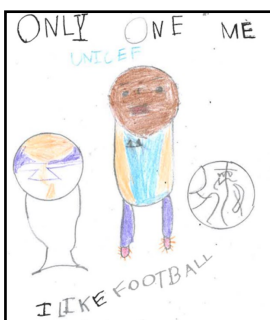
Spring Term 2025

Term 1 Starts: Tuesday 7 January
2025 until Friday 14 February 2025

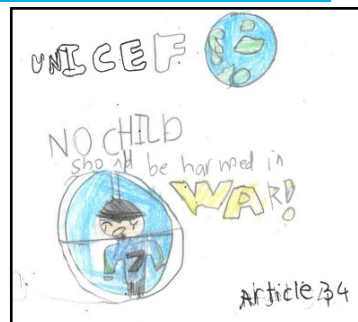
Half-term: Monday 17 February
2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term 2 starts: Monday 24
February 2025 until Friday 11 April
2025

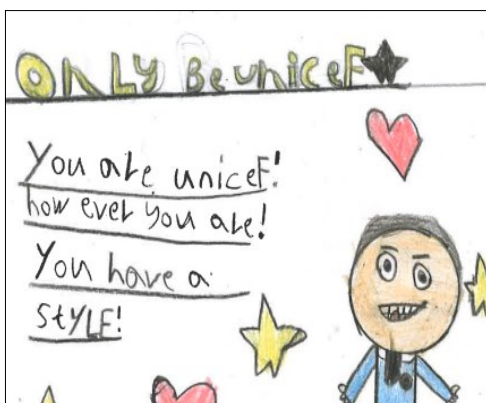
ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



Article 34
This week, the children explored why people around the world commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day (which falls on January



27th yearly). We spoke about tolerance, what makes us unique and learning from the past so we do not make the same mistakes in the future.



Art work by 3GJ

