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Hello everyone

**Year 5 were outstanding yesterday** in a totally uplifting and super polished performance of their **Diwali Assembly!** It was a privilege to see such talent and confidence—very well done Year 5 and thank you so much!

**Congratulations to our School Councillors and Eco-School Councillors** who were presented with their badges and certificates this week. They have already begun their work for this term and will be producing their very own newsletter to update you at the end of term.

Thank you to everyone for taking part in our **Children in Need Day** today so energetically—a lot of fun was had competing against one another in our sporting events in the hall! We will share our grand



fundraising total with you next week...

It was great to see everyone who was able to attend the **anti-bullying parent session** led by COMPASS on Tuesday. **Thank you to COMPASS** for running **workshops with the children** too this week.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace,  
Headteacher



## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

### Article 4 - Implementation of the Convention

The UNICEF article of the week was Article 1 – Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention. This means that all children living in the U.K need to have access to their rights. No one can take their rights away and they are born with these rights. Another Article that we discussed in school was Article 4- Implementation of the Convention. This states that governments must do all that they can to make sure that the rights of the children are implemented and included in the laws of the country. At Thornton, children get the chance to discuss and educate one another on their rights. It is important that children are educated on their rights and they are able to implement their rights when deemed necessary.

Poster made by Zumar

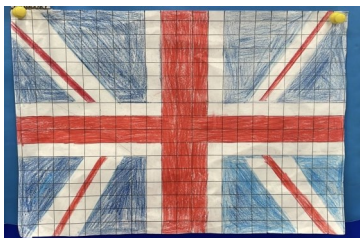


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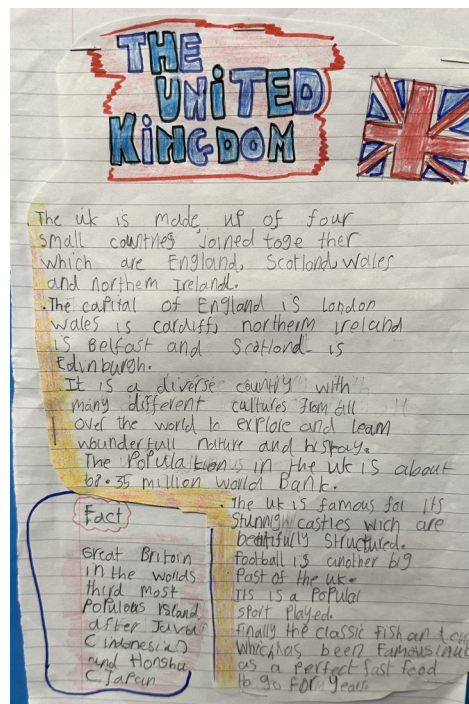
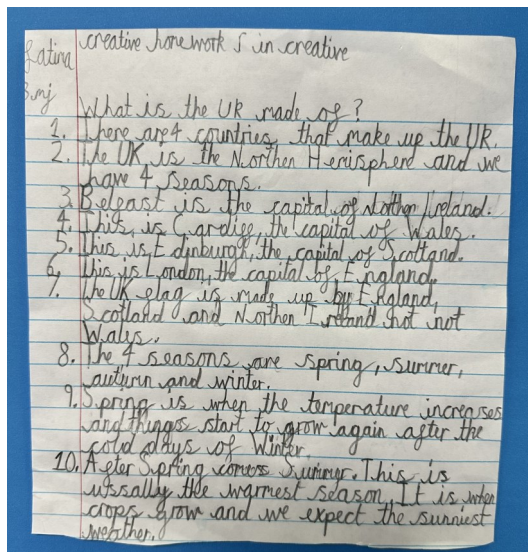
## Year 3



This half term, the children have been focusing on the topic 'This is the UK' for their Geography unit. They've produced some fantastic homework! Some students embraced their creativity by crafting models of iconic UK buildings, while others researched fascinating facts about the United Kingdom online.



The teachers are extremely impressed with the effort and creativity shown by those who completed their homework. A big well done from the Year 3 team!

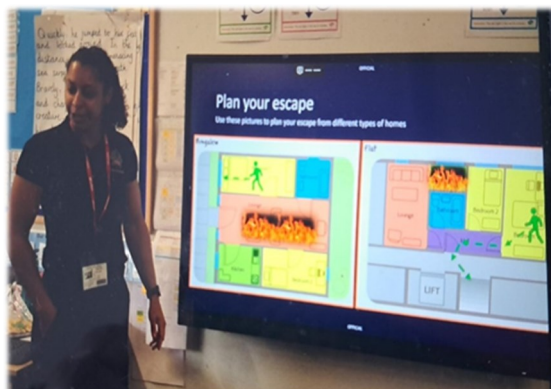


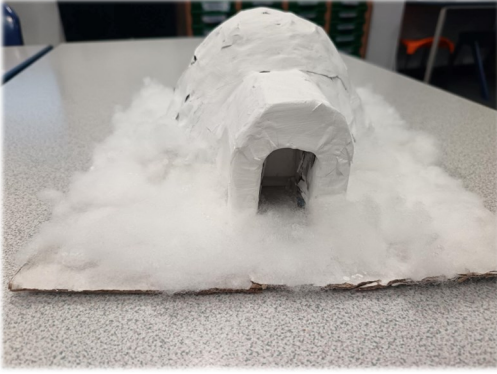
## Year 4

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, **Ward End Fire Service** visited Year 4 for our Sparks workshop. The Fire Fighters discussed how to stay safe if a fire was to happen and taught the children the **Stop, Drop and Roll** technique.

The children worked in pairs, to identify how to get out of a building safely if there was on fire. They had to find the safest route and closest exit through a window, or door.

Unfortunately, their visit was cut short due to an emergency, but they will be back to visit 4AA and 4TW on another date.





## Year 5

Year 5 are continuing to explore the polar regions as part of our **Extreme Earth** topic.

Many children have presented their teachers with lots of creative homework that they have completed. We have an amazing igloo made by Shifa from 5TR. Alyzah



M from 5ST has made a magical snow globe complete with polar animals. Zain, also from 5ST,



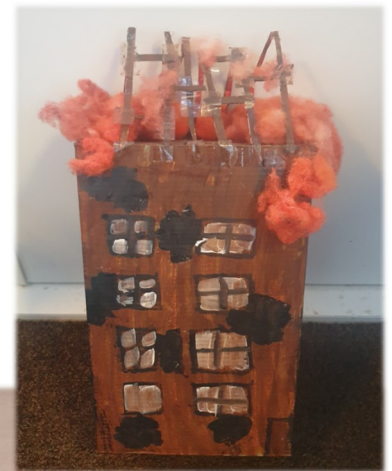
captured the splendor of the Northern and Southern Lights in his artwork.



Well done!

## Year 6

This term, in History lessons, Year 6 children will learn **about pre and post war Britain**. The children will find out about life during the war and will focus on evacuees in their foster homes and school life. Children will understand which countries were involved and how they were impacted during the war. By the end of this unit, the children will be able to recall key information about World War 2, including important facts and dates. Here is some of the fantastic CREATIVE homework created by Ibraheem 6ZB, Karam 6MF and Tayyib 6MF...



## Reading Plus

Thornton pupils competed against other schools in an online contest to achieve the highest amount of reading lessons during the Autumn term. We are pleased to inform you that Thornton were awarded **5th place** in the Reading Plus start – up challenge. **Congratulations** to all the children who took part in the competition by reading at home and school. We are proud of all our pupils who took part.

Remember to keep on reading at home.



## PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 18th November**  
Year 4

**Tuesday 19th November**  
Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.  
**4NG MUST** be in school  
for 8.25am

**Wednesday 20th November**  
Year 3

**Thursday 21st November**  
Year 5

**Friday 22nd November**  
Year 6



## School Attendance

**Our school attendance last week was**  
**93.9%**

### Class Attendance

**Year 3**      **Year 6**  
**3ST**        **6HB**  
                 **6NI**

Well done to all the classes who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week!

## Magic 10 Raising Class Punctuality Project—3GJ

We are introducing a new initiative this term to help improve our school punctuality. Class 3GJ will be the first class to take part in **Magic 10 raising class punctuality**. The initiative will **start on Monday 18th November and end on Friday 29th November**. Class 3GJ will have an opportunity to win new games for their class if the whole class are able to successfully improve their class punctuality. This is how The Magic 10 Raising Class Attendance project works:

- Pupils will need to attend school for 10 consecutive days without any absences during the two school weeks.
- Pupils will need to get to bed on time and set their alarm clocks 10 minutes early!
- Pupils will need to ensure they have no late marks for 10 days (unless they have a medical appointment) and can arrive from 8.30am, but no later than 8.45am.

**The table below shows just how much a child with poor punctuality may miss:**

| If you are....                  | You have been absent for an equivalent of ... |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>5 minutes late each day</b>  | <b>3 days lost</b>                            |
| <b>10 minutes late each day</b> | <b>6 ½ days lost</b>                          |
| <b>15 minutes late each day</b> | <b>10 days lost</b>                           |
| <b>20 minutes late each day</b> | <b>13 days lost</b>                           |
| <b>30 minutes late each day</b> | <b>19 days lost</b>                           |

### Golden Ticket Initiative

Well done to the **321** pupils who have achieved 97% and above attendance. In order to win the Bronze Award, pupils will need to continue to come to school every day and on time for the rest of the term.

Mrs Grace will be announcing exciting details of the reward later this term!

Thank you to the parents working in partnership with us to help improve our school attendance.

