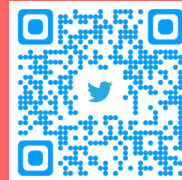


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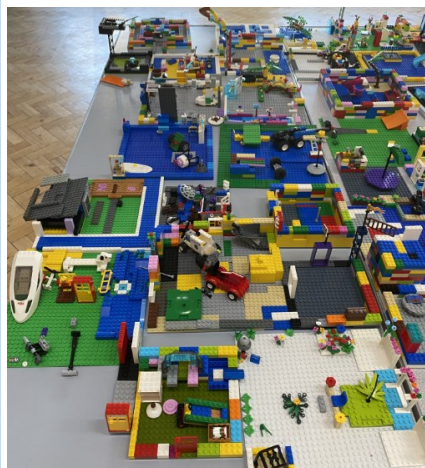


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Hello everyone

We ended last week on a high with a fantastic celebration of the Autumn Term attendance. The hall was filled all day with children building creative **LEGO** structures which were combined to create an Adventure Land full of parks, rides and gift shops! There are lots of photos on our 'X' account (please use the QR code above to see them! Thank you).

Sadly, we have also had to say **goodbye and happy retirement to Mr Bill**, our much loved Assistant Building Site Supervisor. Mr Bill has loyally served our school for over 9 years and made sure that every morning the school was open and safe for everyone. He will be truly missed by us but, as member of our #thorntonfamily, will always be welcome to pop in



and see us all. We hope he enjoys his well deserved rest!

We can't wait for our **FREE Whole School Trip**, on **Tuesday 21st January**, to the **Birmingham Hippodrome Theatre** to see a live performance of the pantomime '**Peter Pan**'! Please remember we will be returning to school slightly later than the normal end of day time, and you will be collecting your child from school at **5pm**. It is **VERY important that Thornton Road and St. Agatha's Road are NOT BLOCKED by cars so that the children can return to school safely and on time**. Thank you in advance for your support with this, it is very much appreciated.



Some other important dates for you are:

Wednesday 22nd January 9-9.20am Year 4 Multiplication Check information session for Year 4 parents/ carer

Wednesday 29th January 3.45-6.15pm Parents Evening 1/2—appointments can be booked online by all parents/carers (look out for the letter and email next week!)

Monday 3rd February 9-9.30am Year 4 Chinese New Year Assembly for Year 4 parents/carers

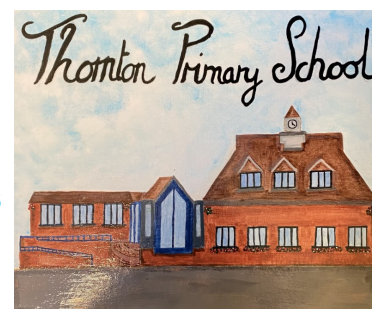
Wednesday 5th February 3.45-6.15pm Parents Evening 1/2—appointments can be booked online by all parents/carers

Friday 7th February 8.45-9.45am 'Time to Talk' coffee morning with COMPASS

And finally, a BIG thank you to Zac's mum (3ST) for painting me a beautiful picture of our school! I am sure you will agree, it's fantastic!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Cathy Grace, Headteacher



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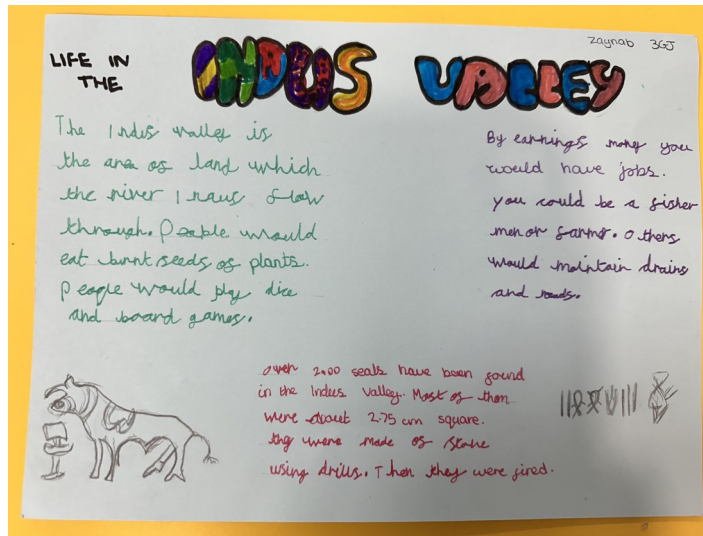
Year 3

This half term, the children have been focusing on the topic 'Ancient Civilisations' for their History unit. They have produced some fantastic homework! Some children embraced their creativity by crafting models of the different civilisations while others researched fascinating facts about Ancient Civilisation online to share with us.



The teachers are extremely impressed with the effort and creativity shown by those who completed their homework.

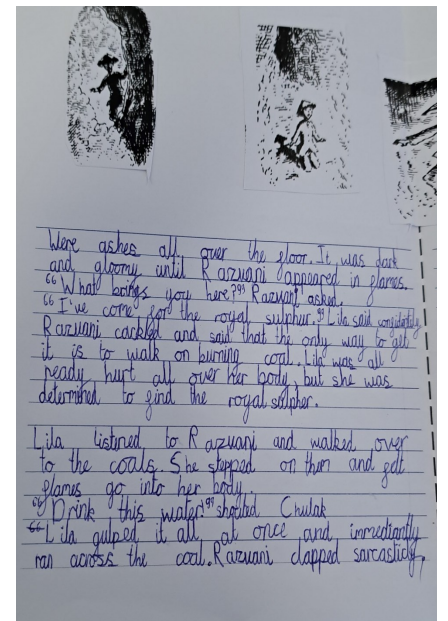
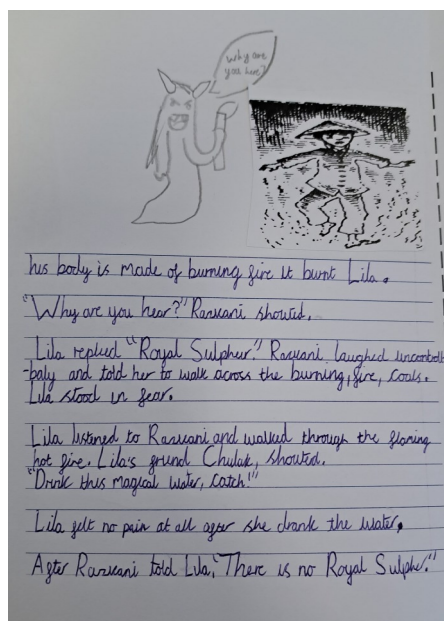
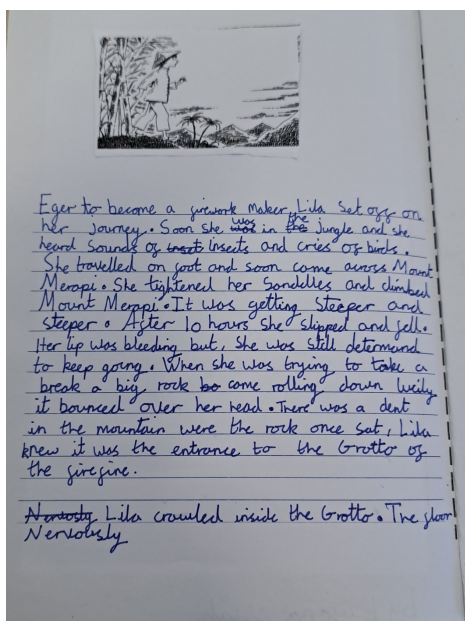
A big well done from the Year 3 team!



Year 4

This week, children in Year 4 have been publishing their narrative **The Firework Maker's Daughter**. Throughout their writing lessons children have written three paragraphs and proofread for errors in punctuation and spelling. They have redrafted a paragraph to edit and improve their writing and enjoyed the final stage of publishing their own books.

The children were really engaged in the writing process and it helped them to understand writing for a purpose. Well done, Year 4!



Year 5

In Year 5, we have been learning all about the **warrior queen of the ancient kingdom of Benin**. We know that all professional writers write and rewrite several times before their work is published. So, we are making sure that we are proofreading and editing as we write. Here are some examples of our work:

^{the way}
~~One day~~ ^{reign} ~~came~~ to the Igbo festival. ~~It~~ ^{she couldn't wait!} The Igbo festival which celebrated the ~~obas~~ ^{reign} took place in the village. Everyone danced with ~~delight~~ ^{excitement} as the ~~crowd~~ ^{crowd} of men made ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~obas~~ ^{reign} dance.

"I can't believe that the oba ~~showed up!~~" said Ida with joy.

Ida happily ~~joined her friends~~ ^{as she danced with the beat.} While Ida was ~~enjoying~~ ^{enjoying} the moment her dream was ~~happily~~ ^{happily} ~~over and over again~~ ^{she wondered why that moment was fighting in her dream.}

On the ~~middle~~ ^{middle} of a ~~raised~~ ^{raised} in west Africa, lived a girl called Ida. She was ~~suppose~~ ^{suppose} ~~to be~~ ^{to be} a warrior. Ida began ~~dreaming~~ ^{dreaming} of an ~~obas~~ ^{obas} battle with people ~~fighting~~ ^{fighting} for their lives. There were ~~one~~ ^{one} specific ~~girls~~ ^{girls} who caught ~~Ida's~~ ^{Ida's} attention as she was ~~female~~ ^{female} and ~~warrior~~ ^{warrior} didn't take part in wars. In ~~her~~ ^{her} ~~dream~~ ^{dream} she was ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ control, fighting bravely and successfully. One ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~fighting~~ ^{fighting} over, she heard the ~~fighters~~ ^{fighters} whose ~~hardworking~~ ^{hardworking} ~~scars~~ ^{scars} of ~~aging~~ ^{aging} could be heard.

"What did I just envision?" ~~asked~~ ^{asked} herself as she had no time to ~~ponder~~ ^{ponder} her ~~confusing~~ ^{confusing} ~~dream~~ ^{dream} as she had a ~~essential~~ ^{essential} ~~job~~ ^{job} to get to.

On the ~~way~~ ^{way} to the ~~all~~ ^{all} important event which was held ~~annually~~ ^{annually}, Ida ~~could~~ ^{could} ~~not~~ ^{not} control her ~~self~~ ^{self}. ~~The~~ ^{The} ~~noise~~ ^{noise} of the ~~school~~ ^{school} ~~made~~ ^{made} her ~~mouth~~ ^{mouth} ~~dry~~ ^{dry}. ~~There~~ ^{There} were ~~beating~~ ^{beating} and the whole village was ~~about~~ ^{about}.

"I can't believe that the oba ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~actually~~ ^{actually} ~~shown up!~~" Ida said with joy.

She ~~happily~~ ^{happily} ~~joined her friends~~ ^{as she regularly danced to the beat.} However, the ~~usual~~ ^{usual} ~~dream~~ ^{dream} that she had seen ~~leapt~~ ^{leapt} ~~happily~~ ^{happily} ~~over and over again~~ ^{she wondered who the lady was and why she was fighting}

Much better!

Tuesday 14th January 2025

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to both her parents.

As Ida grew up, she kept her promise, her choice, ~~relaxing~~ ^{relaxing} ~~her~~ ^{her} ~~fighting~~ ^{fighting} and ~~healing~~ ^{healing} she grew to keep people healthy and gained loads of wisdom while learning how to handle weapons.

Ida knew that women weren't allowed to fight in battles but she was determined to be the best warrior ~~for~~ ^{for} ~~fight~~ ^{fight} and ~~heal~~ ^{heal}. She showed ~~women~~ ^{women} ~~could~~ ^{could} ~~fight~~ ^{fight}. She grew up as Queen Ida and a ~~wise~~ ^{wise} warrior and healer. She is a warrior Queen.

As Ida grew older, she continued to keep her promises to both her parents. She ~~could~~ ^{could} always be trusted to complete all the jobs that needed to be done around the house. Ida was already a good dancer, but now her talent was legendary.

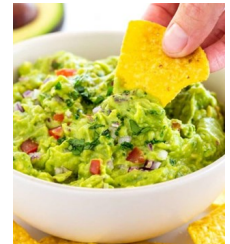
Her parents were also true to their word and taught her all they knew. As a result, she became a very knowledgeable healer. She also gained lots of wisdom regarding battles and how to handle weapons.

Ida knew that women weren't allowed to fight in battles but she was determined to be the best warrior that ever lived. She proved women could both fight and heal. She went to become the first Queen Mother of Benin.

Great proofreading editing.

Year 6

This term pupils in Year 6, will have the opportunity to make their own **Mexican style burritos!** This week we started our DT topic by creating our own recipes for an easy way to make a Mexican Burrito. Pupils wrote the ingredients and a step-by-step guide on making a burrito.



Hola niños

Equipment:

- Knife
- Chopping board
- Spoon
- Gloves
- Bowl
- Scale

Ingredients:

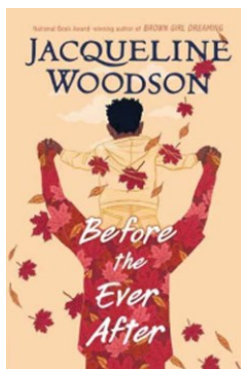
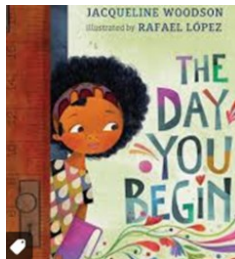
- one tortilla tortilla
- 10g guacamole
- 15g Mexican cheese
- 5g sweetcorn
- 20g rice
- 10g sliced pepper

How to make a Mexican burrito.

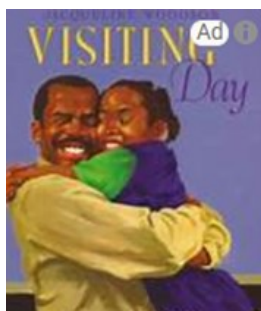
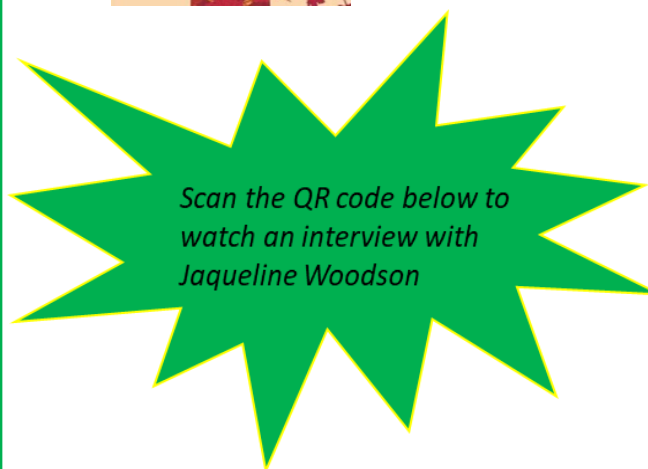
Equipment	Ingredients
• 1 tortilla	• 1 tortilla wrap
• Knife	• guacamole 10g
• Chopping board	• Sweetcorn 10g
• Spoon	• black beans 10g
• Plate	• rice grains 25g
• Bowl	• chopped pepper 10g
• Gloves (optional)	• spinach 10g
• scale	• cashiflower 5g
	• ghost chilli 5g

The burrito is a Mexican cultural wrap.

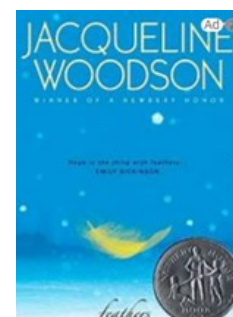
'Author of the Month' January



Jaqueline Woodson



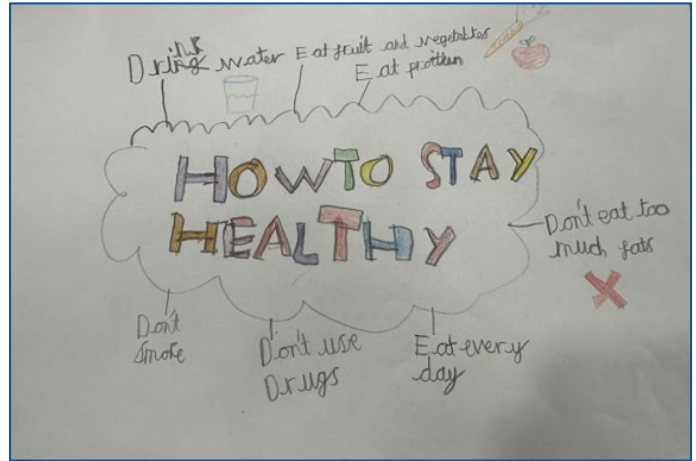
Jaqueline Woodson is an author from the U.S. She has written more than 30 books for adults and young children. Her books focus on the African American experience. In 2018, Woodson was named National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. She was born on the 12th February in Ohio. In school, she enjoyed Spanish, English and P.E. She has always loved reading and realised that she was good at writing in the fifth grade.



ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

Article 33

Our article of the week is (33) **protection from harmful drugs**. We have learnt that it is important to take care of our health by making informed choices, maintaining a balanced diet, exercising regularly, and surrounding ourselves with positive influences, learning about the risks and having a healthy lifestyle are key steps towards a bright and thriving future.



The children showcased their creativity and awareness by making vibrant posters highlighting the importance of Article 33 and the need to stay protected from harmful drugs.



School Attendance



Class Attendance

Well done to **4NG and 5ZY** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

Our school attendance last week was 92.6%

Reporting Absences to school

If your child is absent from school please call or leave a message on the school absence answering machine before 9am to let us know the reason. Please provide school with as much detail as possible about your child's absence. If you need to discuss your child's symptoms with a first aider please request a call back. Please ring the school office on **0121 327 0824** our lines are open from 8am. Thank you very much for your support.



PE TIMETABLE

Monday 20th January
Year 3

Wednesday 22nd January
Year 4

Thursday 23rd January
Year 6

Friday 24th January
Year 5

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

Easter holidays

* Teacher training day - Monday 6th January 2025