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Hello everyone

Hopefully, you will have noticed that I often talk about the school's expectations within the school's newsletter. At Thornton we expect all members of our school community to be **ready, respectful and safe**. One way that we promote the expectations is by celebrating groups and individuals who demonstrate them.

Our expectation 'word of the week' this week was courteous, which is linked to our expectation to be respectful. Pleasingly, I did not have to look far for a superb example of Thornton pupils using their manners and being considerate of others. This week's educational visit to Leicester Space Museum was a great example of our pupils demonstrating courtesy and respect for others. Please read Mrs Mazar's report to find out more,

"Year 5 visited the Leicester Space Museum this week. We are super proud of how the children conducted themselves around the museum and represented Thornton Primary School. They were courteous and considerate of other schools and the public. They explored the museum and learnt lots of facts about space and how our solar system is organised. They also watched the spectacular Planetarium show and interacted with the activities around the museum. The children were able to share lots of new facts they had learnt on the trip which was linked to their Science Topic this term, Earth and Space. Well done Year 5!" Mrs Mazar.



We are also looking forward to telling you all about Yr 6 trip to the Black Country Museum on Friday 4th October.



If you have not already done so, could I please encourage you to sign up online for a parent's evening slot. There are two parents' evenings. **The first of which is next Wednesday (02/10/24)**. Could I also take this opportunity to wish you a good weekend. See you on the playground next week.

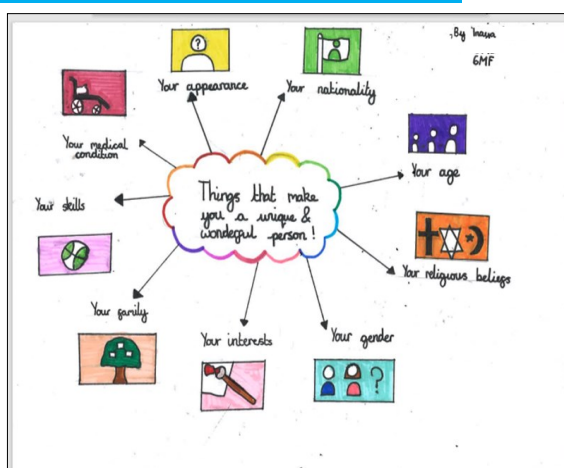
Mr Mason, Deputy headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK

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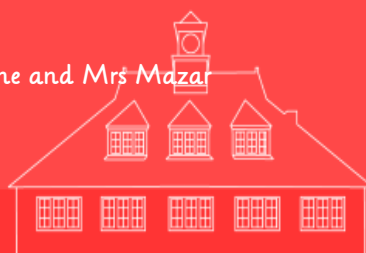


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Year 3



Year 3 went on a fantastic woodland experience, as part of their History topic, and learnt about survival in the **Stone Age**. We learnt all about the different Stone Ages, and how survival methods changed. We got to feel real skins and leathers from animals that were used in the Stone Age, as well as real objects, weapons and tools used in daily life. In the afternoon, we worked in teams to build a waterproof shelter before testing them out. We even carved our own Stone Age tool out of slate and rock, which we got to keep. We **LOVED** our day out in the wild!



Year 4

This week, the children in Year 4 have been mixing tints and shades adding white and black to blue paint. They have been investigating how they can **change the value and tone of a colour**. The children are able to explain the different between tints and shades



Present new: What are **tone**, **tints** and **shades**?

Tone:

Tone is the lightness or darkness of something and allows us to see how light or dark a colour is. It also means tone could be a shade.

Tints:

Tints are where an artist **adds white** to a colour. This allows you to create a lighter colour.

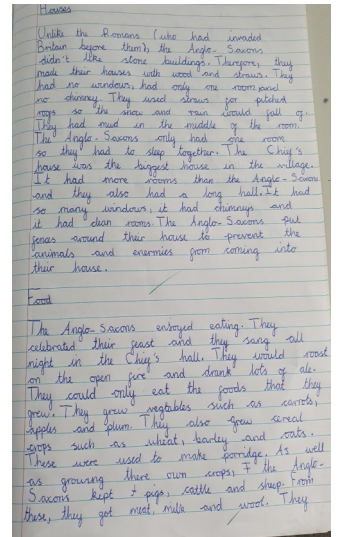
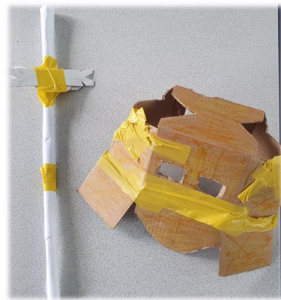
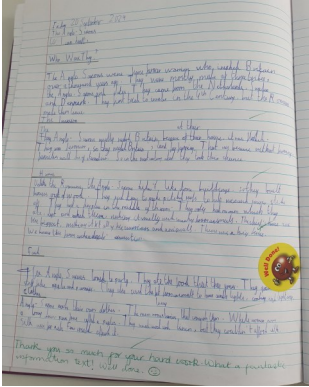
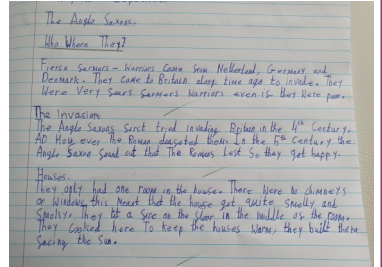
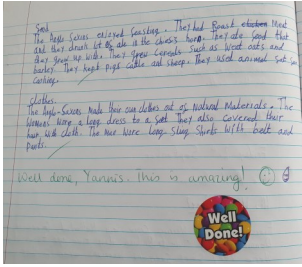
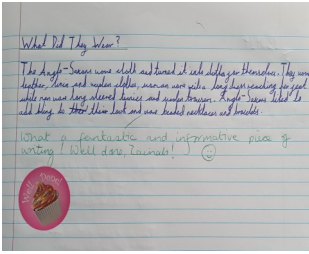
Shades:

Shades are where an artist **adds black** to a colour. This allows you to create a darker colour.



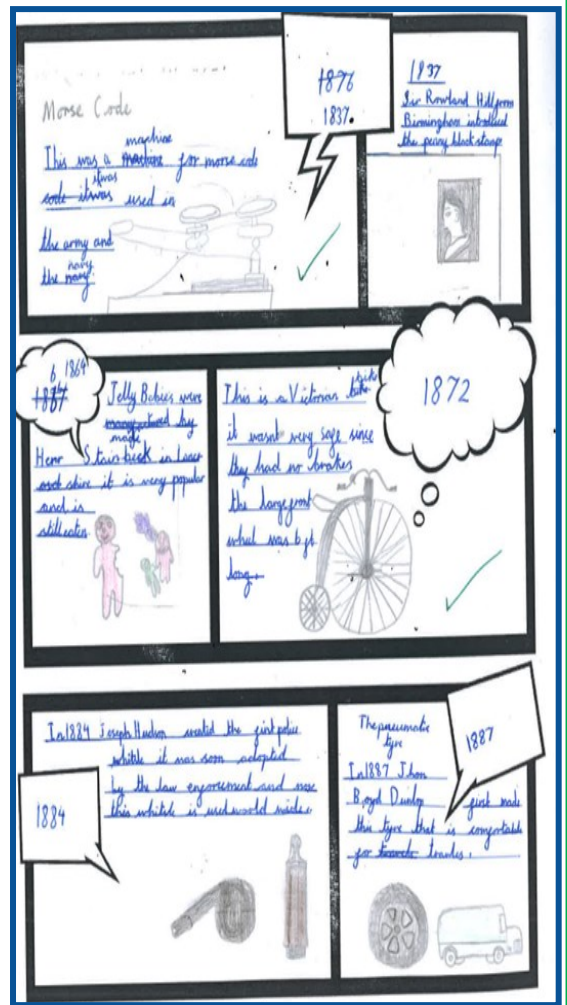
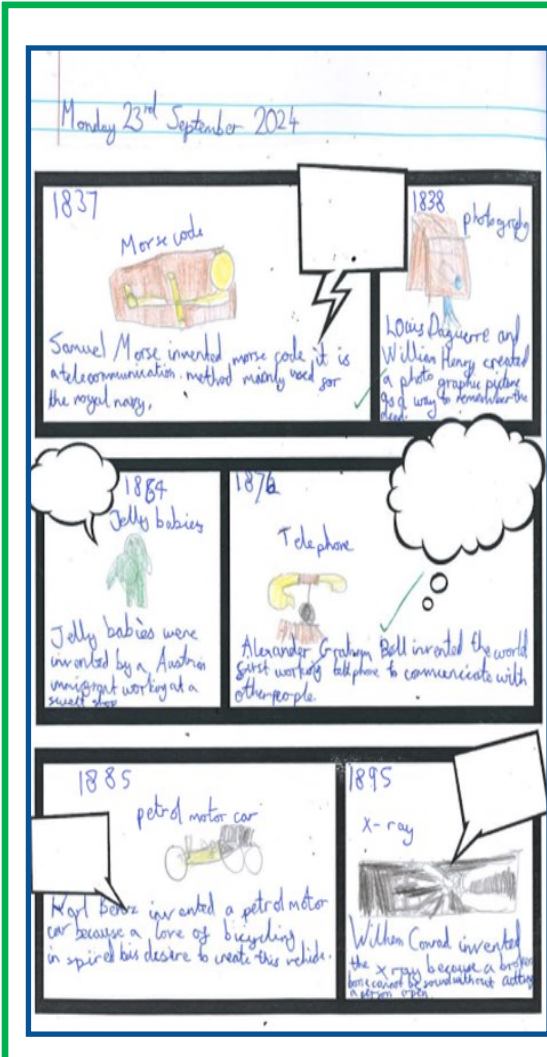
Year 5

Year 5 have been learning all about the **Anglo Saxons** this term. We discovered where they came from; when they came and why they chose to settle in the UK. Here are some examples of work from 5ST by Yannis, Hela, Zainab and Avery-Blu. The children persevered even though some of them found the work tricky.



Year 6

In Topic this week, Year 6 have been learning about **the developments in technology over time**. They discussed how technology has changed and looked at inventions that came about during the Victorian times. The children had to create a comic book sketch and pick 6 inventions and put them in chronological order. Have a look at some of the work that the children produced.



School Attendance

Class Attendance

Our school attendance last week was
94.7%

Congratulations to class **5ST** for achieving 100% attendance last week and exceeding our school attendance target of 97%. The class received a surprise visit from Mrs Grace and were awarded a £25 gift voucher to purchase new classroom resources.



Well done to classes **3SQ, 3ST 4AA, 5ZY 5BA and 6ZB** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above for the last week! Year 5 exceeded the school attendance target by achieving

Golden Ticket Initiative

GOLDEN TICKET

How will the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

Thornton Primary School will be introducing the Golden Ticket attendance initiative again this academic year for all pupils.

Everyone has an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** for an amazing and fun attendance treat!

- **Autumn Term Bronze Award – Pupils need to achieve 97% above to qualify - More details of the reward to follow this term.**
- **Spring Term Silver Award – Pupils need to achieve 98% 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 at the end of the academic year!!!!!!**

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
10minutes late each day	6 ½ days lost
15minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 2nd October - 3.45pm - 6.15pm — Parents' Evening

Friday 4th October - Year 6 Black Country Museum trip

Wednesday 9th October— 3.45pm- 6.15pm — Parents' Evening

Friday 11th October 9am-9.30am — Y6 Harvest Festival Assembly

Half-term: Monday 28 October 2024 to Friday 1 November 2024

Term 2 starts Monday 4 November until Friday 20 December 2024

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 30th September
Year 4

Tuesday 1st October
Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.
4NG MUST be in school
for 8.25am

Wednesday 2nd October
Year 3

Thursday 3rd October
Year 5

Friday 4th October
Year 6

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. Thank you.

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.

There is a late pickup charge (£4) for pupils picked up after 4pm.

Important reminder

Please remember to send your child to school with a waterproof coat that has their name written inside, thank you!

Names on jumpers and cardigans are also very helpful for reuniting these with their owners! Thank you!

Contact Form

We urgently need you to **complete and return the contact form** that were sent out. Can you please complete the contact form with your updated details and return it to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

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.



Attention all Year 6 Parents!

Secondary Transfer 2025

Applications for your child's secondary school place in September 2025 are now live on the following website:
<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/school-admissions>

The online application is very simple and quick but if you need support completing the form please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.