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Hello everyone

We have had such a brilliant day today enjoying celebrating **World Book Day!** There were many really **creative costumes and imaginative home-made models** representing favourite books. Please take a moment to look at the photos on 'X' which showcase the children's hard work and incredible talents (scan the QR code at the top of the page) and look out for our special World Book Day feature in next week's newsletter! On top of this, we have had some fantastic entries for the **'plate up your artwork' competition** — the **K0rky Paul inspired Winnie and Wilbur designs** are truly magical and we can't wait to show them to K0rky next Friday when we welcome him to Thornton for the day, we know he will love them!

Please also take a few moments to check the **'dates to remember'** listed on the back page of the newsletter as there are lots of exciting events coming up for the children...



I am sad to report to you that we still have a number of **children who are being let out of the car in the middle of the road when dropped off to school in the morning**. This is **EXTREMELY WORRYING** as these children could easily be injured by overtaking vehicles. **ALL children dropped off to school MUST get out of the car onto the pavement and NOT in to the road—Children's safety comes first ALWAYS!**



And finally, please contact reception if you wish to book a table for the **Spring Fair on Friday 4th April 1.30-3pm!**

Have a great weekend everyone!

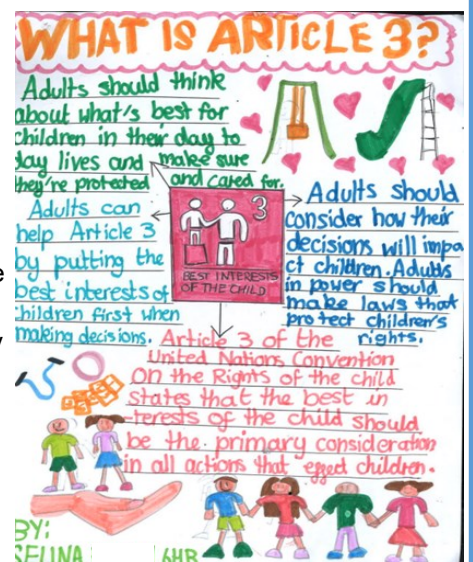
Cathy Grace, Headteacher

ARTICLE OF THE WEEK



Article 3

For the UNICEF article we looked at **Article 3**. Article 3 is the **best interests of the child**. Adults have the duty to decide what is best for the child. They need to think about the day to day lives of the children and make sure the children are protected. Adults need to consider the impact that their



Poster by Selina 6HB

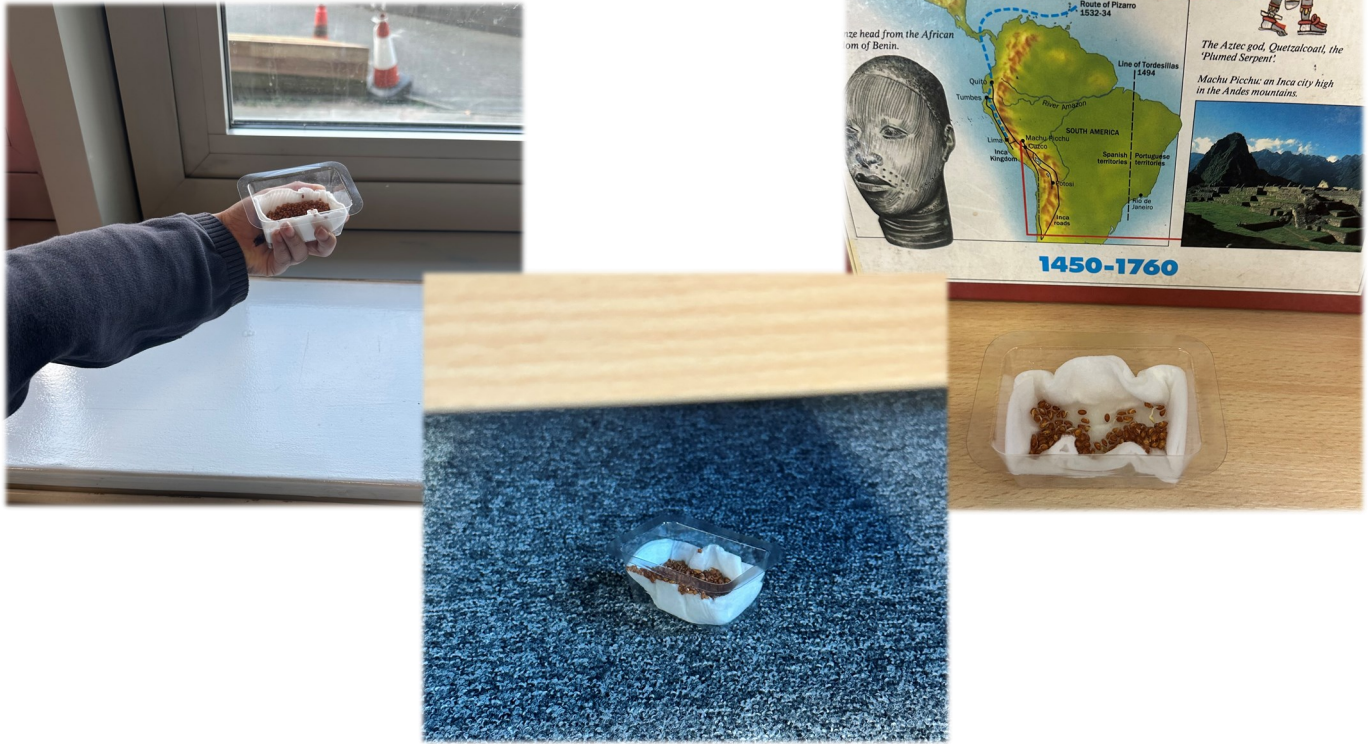
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Year 3

This week, in science, the children investigated how different light conditions affect **the growth of a plant**. They will be growing some cress seeds over the next two weeks. Each table placed their cress plant in a different area of the classroom (dark, some sunlight or lots of sunlight). In two weeks time, they will look at how well the plants have grown and conclude which light conditions were best for the plant. The children had lots of fun carrying out the investigation, and they can't wait to find out the results!



Year 4

Using their creative homework for inspiration, some children in Year 4 have worked incredibly hard at home to recreate some wonderful **Roman artefacts**. They have used a variety of Design Technology skills to plan and make their own 3D swords, shields, mosaics and even a Roman Colosseum.

A huge well done to the children and parents!



Year 5

Year 5 have been reading the novel **Oranges in No Man's Land** by Elizabeth Laird. It is an amazing story of courage and determination from 10-year-old Ayesha who is growing up in Beirut at the height of the civil war there. The children really enjoyed the book, and during our Writing lessons they recounted a critical part of the story in which Ayesha is driven through the streets of Beirut in a UN ambulance during a ferocious battle. The writing has been of a particularly high standard, indicating the children's involvement with the novel.

Eventually, we might it into No Man's Land. However, we would now have to get past the hostile checkpoint. The one I was driving. Suddenly, the ambulance swerved to a halt. The UN driver called down the window. I quickly covered myself with a blanket, probably to be secretly regard.

I could only hear parts of his conversation. I only caught "Little girl, head injuries, please take." I noticed they finally - it's time he was speaking to her in order to leave these military because they were worried for me. What is being mean to? He couldn't see, he had a daughter.

As we had went past the near checkpoint, I could see the one with the red cross.

"I can't believe I've never made it!" I shouted in excitement.

"You might be safe, but in war..." he replied the driver.

"Remember Ayesha, don't grow up being angry," he added.

I nodded and thanked him and went on my way hoping

kept myself. I was afraid back and kept banging into things. I would need to see a specialist soon. I gradually felt some sleep coming over my head. I got into, I looked out into the night and everything looked so different. There was not a light to be seen.

I turned my attention to the driver who was hunched over the steering wheel, holding it so tight, I thought he was going to rip it off. He was muttering something under his breath. I noticed something was not right. I was usually a shy kid but I thanked him. The courage had what kind of everything was ok.

"It's going to start. The battle is going to start. I can feel it." He held on a tight handle, he said he rubbing his eyes.

My heart started racing. What is he getting at? Not all the buildings were shrouded in smoke and looked like empty eye sockets. The soldiers were positioned in buildings, ready to shoot any way to move. We were in a town it was too dangerous to be out.

Year 6

This term Year 6 are focusing on the artworks of **Juan Travieso a contemporary painter**.

Juan Travieso (born Havana, Cuba 1987) is an artist based in Miami and New York. His work explores figures, be them humans or animal which are broken up into spaces and forms much like 3d models.

The week the students were looking at mixing tints and shades linked to an art piece by Juan (see below). This will help them change how **light** or **dark** paint is so we can apply this when looking at artwork and creating our own.



'Author of the Month' March

KOrky Paul

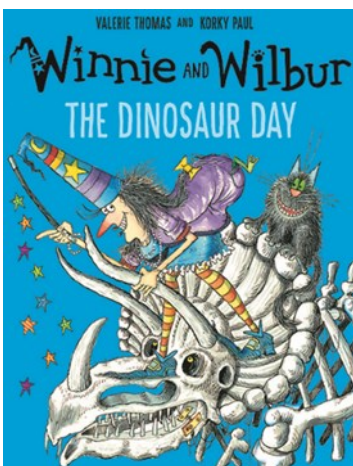
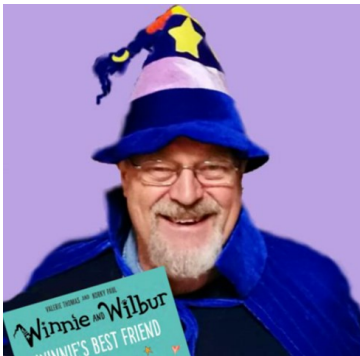
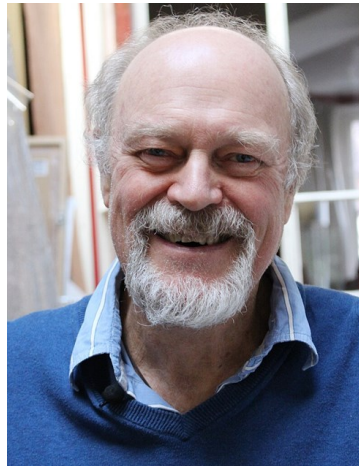


Scan the QR code above to watch KOrky Paul read one of the Winnie the Witch books.

Hamish Vigne
Christie "KOrky" Paul (born 1951) is a British illustrator of children's books.

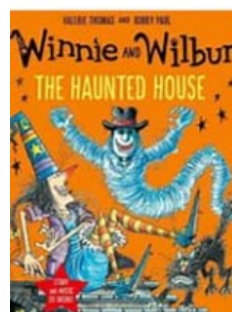
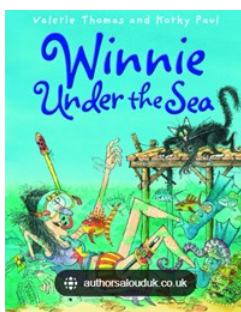
He is most known for his illustration of the series Winnie the Witch!

His work, characteristically executed with bright watercolour paint and pen and ink



Fun Facts!

- KOrky is one of seven children.
- He was raised in raised in Rhodesia, (now Harare, Zimbabwe) where he had what he calls "a wild and privileged childhood" in the African Bush.
- In 1976 he got a job illustrating and designing educational books in Greece. He then spent some time working for an advertising agency in London and Los Angeles and then studied film animation at Cal Arts in California.
- KOrky is one of the 20% dedicated elite of illustrators still scribbling with pen and ink on paper.





SPRING FAIR!

HOSTED BY: THORNTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**FRIDAY 4TH
APRIL**

**FROM
1:30 PM-3:00PM**

TABLES ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT (£15 PER
TABLE, £30 FOR A DOUBLE TABLE).
INTERESTED IN RENTING A TABLE? CONTACT
THE ADMIN TEAM ON:
0121 327 0824

GAMES ON THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:
HOOK A DUCK
DARTS
SKITTLES AND MANY MORE !

WE ALSO HAVE A DJ BOOKED TO GET THE
PARTY STARTED!

School Attendance

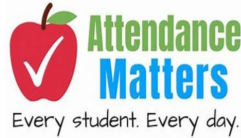
Our school attendance last week was 93.9%

Class Attendance

Well Done to 5BA for achieving our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

Year 6 Magic 5 Raising Class Attendance Challenge

Year 6 have successfully improved their class attendance this week. Well done to all the pupils who have attended school every day on time. The pupils will be rewarded with individual prizes next week by Mrs Grace and Mrs Mazar.



Golden Ticket Initiative

How does the Golden Ticket Attendance Initiative work?

Spring Term Silver Award – Pupils need to continue to achieve 98% and above to qualify. More details of the reward will follow soon.



At the start of Spring Term all the pupils had an opportunity to win a **Golden Ticket** which earns them a fun attendance treat later in the term! A huge well done to the **218** pupils who currently have 98% and above attendance.

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 late this learning is disrupted and makes it difficult for your child to keep up. 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. Thank you to all the parents and carers for working in partnership with school by ensuring their children arrive to school on time, everyday.

Healthy Snacks

Children can bring a healthy, **nut free** snack to have at break time. For example, children can have a piece of fruit or a nut free cereal bar during break time. **Strictly NO NUTS are allowed in school as we have children with severe nut allergies.** Please do not send your child to school with unhealthy snacks such as crisps and chocolates.

Break time snacks really help give the children a boost of energy until lunchtime!

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 10th March
Year 3

Tuesday 11th March

Swimming for 4SH and 4TW.

4SH MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 12th March

Year 4

Thursday 13th March

Year 6

Friday 14th March

Year 5

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 12th March

Year 3 reading for pleasure parent workshop
9am-10am

Friday 14th March

Birmingham Art Museum

4TW & 4AA trip

KOrky Paul Parent Workshop – prebooked session only!

9am-10am

Monday 17th March to Wednesday 19th March

Scholastic Book Fair

from 3.45pm

Friday 21st March

Birmingham Art Museum

4SH & 4NG trip

Monday 14th April until Friday 25th April 2025

Easter Holidays