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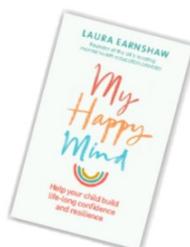
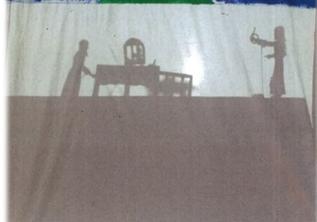
Hello everyone,



We cannot thank you enough for all your support on Friday afternoon last week! **We had THE BEST time at our Spring Fair and Eid Celebration!** The sun shone down, the music played, great fun was had by all... and the popcorn flowed for our **#thorntonfamily!**



Congratulations to Year 5 for an epic Easter Assembly yesterday! Their outstanding performance included some master shadow puppetry in the retelling of the Easter Story, together with entertaining dancing and singing — it was a really uplifting way to end our Spring Term, **thank you Year 5!**



Hopefully, you should have received an email on Monday 7th April from us about myHappyMind. This email contained a link and authentication code to the **myHappyMind parent app** which is full of great resources to help you and your child understand how the brain works and how to support your child's positive skills and habits to be their very best selves! There is even a **Kids Zone on the app** featuring **myHappyMind Games** plus much more! You can scan this QR code to start your sign up...



hello
spring!



And finally, **we break up for the TWO WEEK Easter Holiday today** and **ALL children need to return to school on Monday 28th April from 8.30am and by 8.45am at the latest.** A reminder that school is closed on Thursday 1st May for a teacher training day.



We are really looking forward to seeing your **CREATIVE** homework when you come back to school...

Have a great holiday everyone and stay safe!
Cathy Grace, Headteacher



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Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle Rawbone and Mrs Mazar
Chair of Governors—Mr Subat Ali

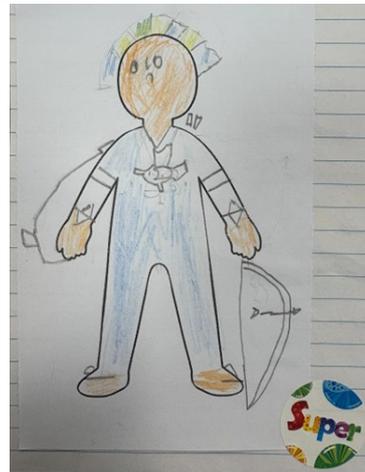


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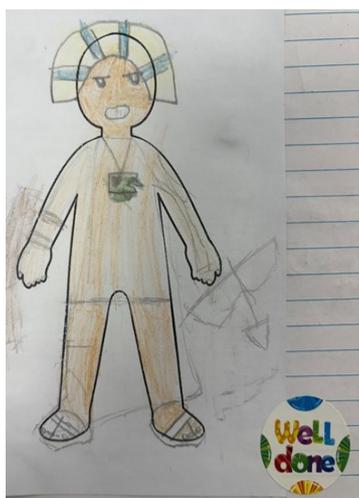
Year 3



In recent weeks, Year Three have been learning about **Ancient Egyptian life**, including the fashion choices they made. We found out that women and men wore make-up! People may paint their nails and even shave their heads to wear elaborate wigs made from sheep's wool or human hair. A lot of their clothing was loose linen, but not everyone would wear sandals.



Here are some visualisations of what Ancient Egyptian people may have looked like. Ask a Year Three student for more information about the way they would dress, as well as what they did for fun or how they prepared the dead for the Afterlife.



Year 4

This week, children in **4SH** and **4AA** walked to the local **Ward End library**. They were able to explore a wide range of books in the children's area and completed a book scavenger hunt. For their efforts, children were rewarded with special book marks and door hangers to use at home.

SCAN ME



During the **Easter holidays**, the library are running **Free art and crafts activities** for the children to take part in. **Please check their Facebook page to find out the dates and times.**

The opening dates and times are below:

Monday: 10am to 1pm, and 2pm to 6pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 9am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm

Thursday: 9am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 9am to 1pm, and 2pm to 5pm

Sunday: Closed



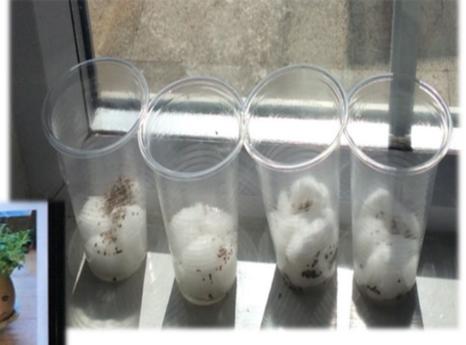
Year 5



Year 5's Science topic this term is called **Living Things**. As almost all animal life depends on plants in some way for its habitat, Year 5 began by investigating **what seeds need to germinate**.



The children were surprised to learn that soil isn't needed at this early stage. They discovered that seeds only need water, oxygen and the correct temperature. Here are some photos from their investigations.



**Collaborative work
To plant cress**

Now we are going to work in table groups as a team to grow your plant. Each table will work together as a team.

On your tables you all should have:

- Cress seed
- Pot (if not a cup)
- soil
- Water
- Paper towels

Steps to plant: Get your pot, put a paper towel in the pot, put some soil, sprinkle your cress seeds, pour in some water.

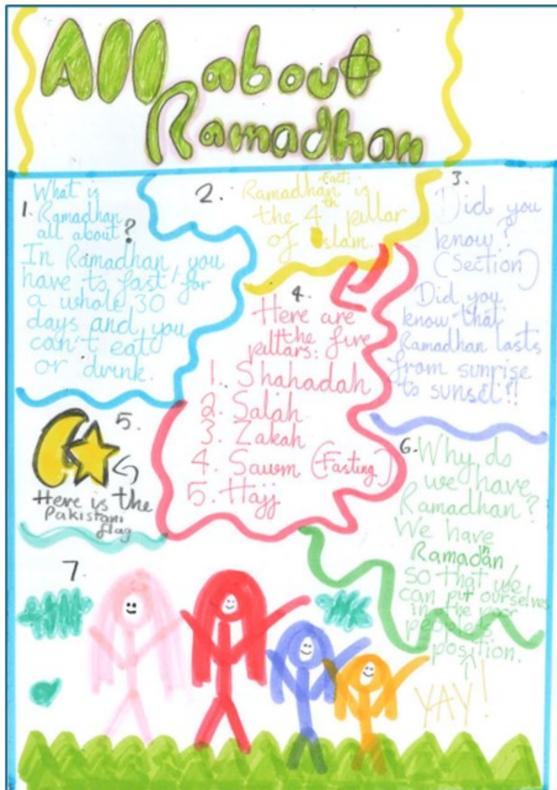
(Label your cup with your table colour)

Teachers note: to take pictures of the children while they are planting!



Year 6

In our R.E lessons in Year 6 we were learning about **the disposition of what it meant to be joyous**. We learnt about **Ramadan** and how it brings joy to Muslims. We discussed the importance Ramadan and how Muslims enjoy the process. In class we discussed how people prepare do Ramadan and how it brings spiritual joy for many Muslims. We then made a poster on the holy month to share what we do and what we enjoy about the holy month. Please have a look at some of the examples below:





Thornton Times Table Rockstars – Round 3



Thornton Times Table Rockstars – Round 3

Last week Thornton pupils answered an amazing **1,871,967** questions correctly on Times Table Rockstars. This is the highest number of questions answered in our school in a single round – surpassing the scores from Round 1 and Round 2. What a collective effort!

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Year 3	3ST	3SQ	3GJ	3MJ
Year 4	4NG	4AA	4TW	4SH
Year 5	5BA	5ZY	5TR	5ST
Year 6	6HB	6ZB	6MF	6NI

Overall, these are the final standings from the round. How this affects the overall tables will be shared after the half term holidays.

Although our TTRS competitions are ultimately about teamwork and working as a class, we do also want to recognise pupils who work particularly hard. The list below shows the highest scores in each class.

Top Scorers in Year 3:

Abu Baker (3GJ) , Ibraheem (3MJ), Falak (3SQ), Aayan (3ST).

Top Scorers in Year 4:

Hafsa (4AA) , Subhan (4NG), Tayyab (4SH), Hannah (4TW).

Top Scorers in Year 5:

Aiza (5BA) , Muhammed (5ST), Fathimah (5TR), Mustafa (5ZY).

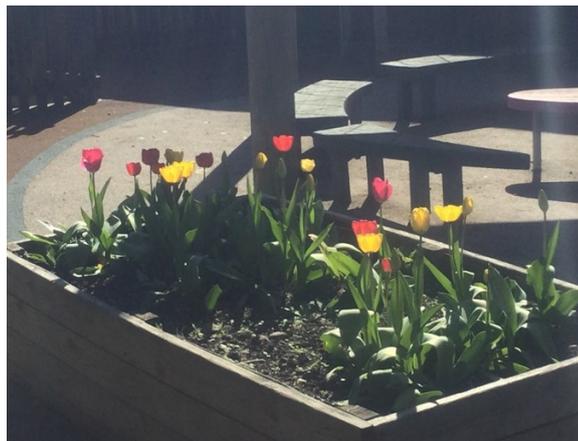
Top Scorers in Year 6:

Esaa (6HB) , Isa (6MF), Ayo (6NI), Ibraheem (6ZB).



Spring has sprung in the Study Buddy!

We are reading a Spring poem that encourages the listener to use their senses to explore Spring! The children went on a short walk around the school grounds to see what signs of Spring they could spot. Using our Widgeit spring viewer, we identified different plants and bugs.





Spring everywhere

I see flowers blooming
colours in the sky
nicely forming.

I hear bees buzzing
birds singing
wings flapping.

I taste fresh berries
colourful and juicy.

I smell plants growing
cherry blossoms.

Earthy rain falls

I feel green and new.

PE TIMETABLE

Monday 28th April
Year 4

Tuesday 29th April

Swimming for 4SH and 4TW.

4SH MUST be in school for 8.25am

Wednesday 30th April

Year 3

Friday 2nd May

Year 5

Our school attendance last week was 73.5 % as our attendance was impacted by many children celebrating Eid.

Heartlands Hospital Charity Fund Raising

Farhan, the older brother of Ayaan (4TW) and a former pupil of Thornton Primary, is taking part in **an abseil to raise funds for Heartlands Hospital Charity**. This incredible organisation provides vital support to patients, families, and staff, funding life-saving equipment, groundbreaking research, and essential services that go above and beyond standard NHS care. Many of you will have received care there.

If you are able to make a small donation to support Farhan's fundraising, please scan this QR code which will take you to his JustGiving page. Thank you in advance for any support you may be able to give.



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!

Thank you for your support.



School success starts with attendance

		DINE WITH MIQUILL				
WEEK ONE	DINE Main Meal	MONDAY AROUND THE World Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges and Green Salad or Peas	TUESDAY Lasagne with Garlic Bread and Sweetcorn or Side Salad	WEDNESDAY Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy with Roast Potatoes and Carrots or Broccoli	THURSDAY AROUND THE World Spiced Chicken in a Pitta Bread with Basmati Rice and Rainbow Slaw	FRIDAY Chicken Nuggets with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	DINE Vegetarian Meal	Veggie Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges and Green Salad or Peas	Vegetable Samosa Rice, Sweetcorn or Side Salad	Cheese & Bean Puff and Carrots & Broccoli	Cheesy Baked Bean Wrap with Wholegrain Rice and Rainbow Slaw	Vegetarian Vegetable Fingers with Chips and Garden Peas or Baked Beans
	DINE Jackets or Pasta	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.	Jacket Potatoes and Pasta available daily.
	Dessert STOP Sweet choices	Ice Cream	Lemon Drizzle	Chocolate Brownie	Apple Flapjack	Chocolate Chip Cookie
WEEK COMMENCING: 08/04, 29/04, 20/05, 17/06, 08/07, 02/09, 23/09, 14/10		Fresh Bread is available daily with a choice of Yoghurt, Jelly, and Fruit instead of dessert				
MIQUILL						

Lunch Menu for the first week of summer term. Look out for the weekly lunch menus in the newsletter!