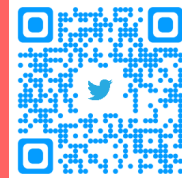




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Hello everyone

You might have already spotted the newest addition to our Thornton Family in Reception! A **HUGE thank you to Amelia and Lucas' nan** for making us our very own **Thornton Nutcracker!** We are absolutely chuffed to be able to give him a special home at Thornton and would encourage you to pop around to the main Reception window to admire him.

Thank you also to everyone who supported our fundraising for **Birmingham Children's Hospital** on Christmas Jumper Day last week and helped us to raise **£33.40**.

**We are super proud of Khadija in Year 6!** She has demonstrated our school values of teamwork and resilience to play her part in making sure that **Erdington and Saltley Girls District FC have won the league!** A MASSIVE congratulations to Khadija and all the other team players who have worked so hard to challenge themselves to be the very best!



We are looking forward to welcoming **The Creative Brick Company** to Thornton in January for some **Lego Magic!** Winners of the **Bronze Attendance Award** will be announced at the end of term, and their golden ticket will give them access to a fun workshop full of Lego magic on Friday 10th January. We can't wait...



Don't forget that next week is **Christmas dinner** day for:

**Y3 & Y5 on Tuesday 17th December** and

**Y4 & Y6 on Wednesday 18th December.**

The **Year 3 Nativity** will be performed on **Friday 20th December at 9am** for all Year 3 parents/carers, which is the same day as the Christmas parties! Everyone is encouraged to wear warm party clothes on the last day! **We will finish at the usual time of 3.30pm.**

ALL children are expected to return from **8.30am on Tuesday 7th January 2025**, and by 8.45am at the very latest! Thank you.

Have a great weekend everyone! Cathy Grace, Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher - Mr Mason  
Assistant Headteachers - Mrs Biddle-Rawbone and Mrs Mazar  
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# SEND Occupational Therapy Newsletter

Spring Term 1

## PARENT OFFER

### Sensory Circuits at Home:

This online webinar explains the benefits of using a sensory circuit and how to implement at home to support with regulation.

Book via Eventbrite

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 13.00 – 14.00**

**Coming Soon: Face to Face Parent Sensory Circuits at Home**



### SEND Occupational Therapy Webpage:

We are developing our website on Birmingham's LOCAL OFFER, this will allow you access to our OT newsletter, FREE advice videos on different topics including dressing skills, sleep, P.E, sensory and many more!

### Occupational Therapy Advice Line

Parents, professionals and educational staff can contact the OT advice line to gain advice and signposting on a child's need.

Monday- Friday, 09:00- 16:00.

**0121 683 2325**

Interpreting Advice Line information is found on our website via the QR code.



### Community Paediatric Occupational Therapy Webpage:

A variety of advice packs (self-care, school skills, sensory) are available on the Occupational Therapy website.



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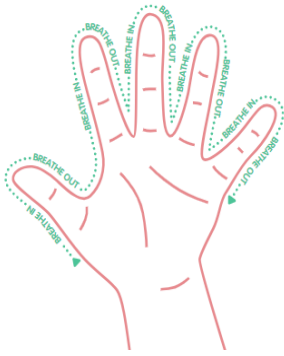
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## FINGER BREATHING

## Year 3



This week in Year Three, we made time in our week to discuss the importance of **mindfulness**. In PSHE, we talked about how to recognise when someone may be feeling happy, frightened, angry and other emotions. We discussed in classes our favourite mindful practices, such as getting out into nature, being with friends, enjoying another activity and even resting. The teachers then gave us some mindfulness activities to complete in a happy and peaceful way.

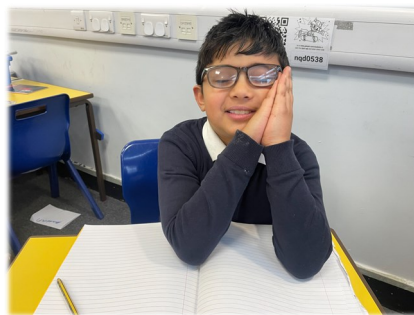
myHappyMind Team



My Happy Mind helps us at Thornton. We make time every day to do our Happy Breathing in various ways, like Finger Breathing, Bubble Breathing and more. We've now finished two modules of My Happy Mind and are using the skills we have learnt to become more aware and resilient.



Affan, Zakriya and Yusuf are colouring in for mindfulness



Yusuf is sleeping for mindfulness



Leena is "finger breathing."

## Year 4

Year Four have been **exploring food** in our Design and Technology project this half term.

We practised the skills of cutting and grating with safe and effective techniques and used this to prepare toppings for pizzas.

We also found out how bread is created, mixing a dough for our pizza bases. Kneading the dough was hard work but we co-operated as a team and got the job done!

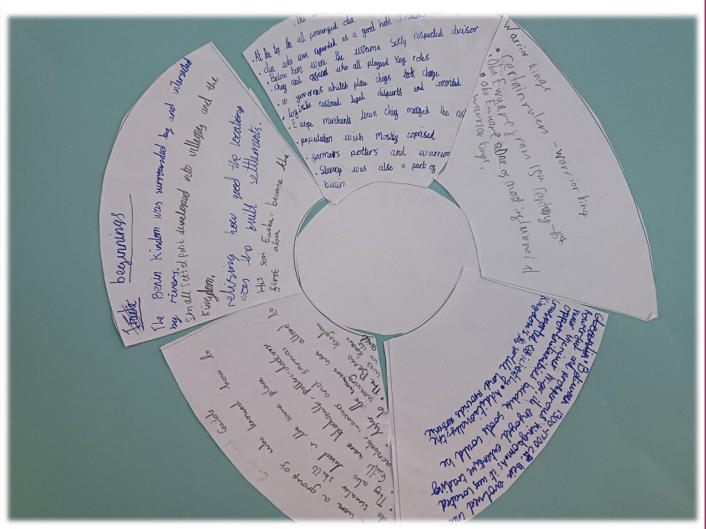
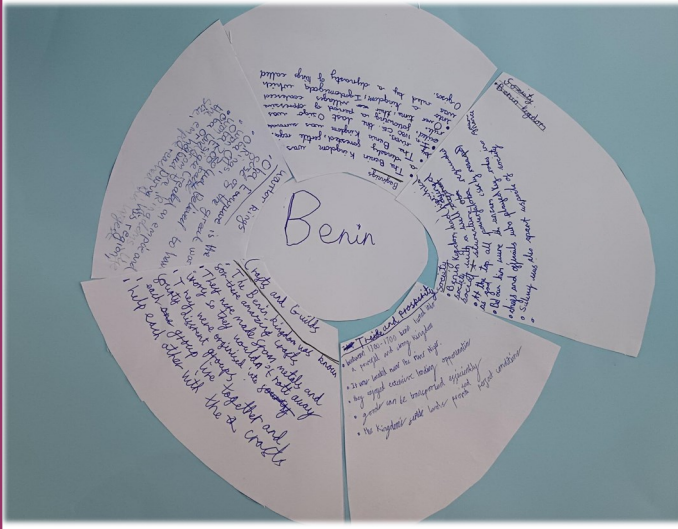
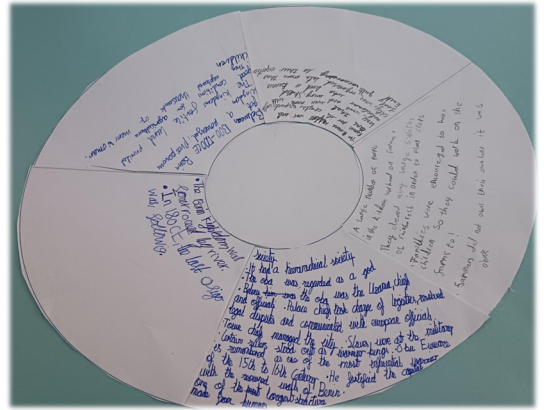


## Year 5

Year 5 kick-started their new topic on the **Ancient Kingdom of Benin** by carrying out their own research.

The children worked collaboratively in their Kagan groups to collect and organize information.

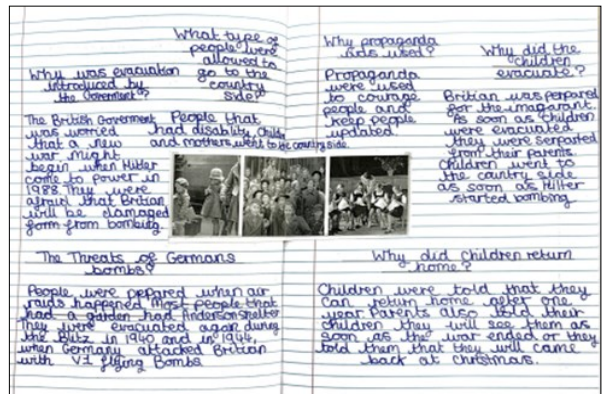
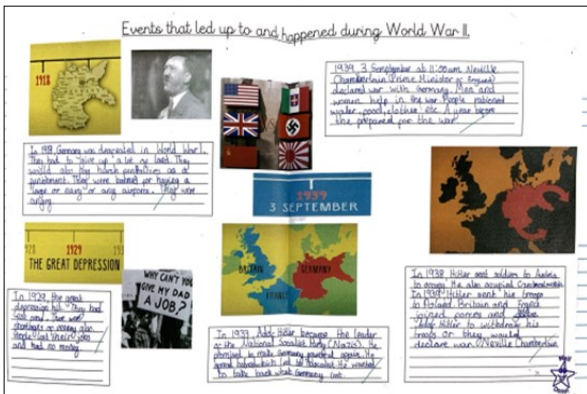
Here are some examples from across the year.



## Year 6

The children in Year 6 are continuing to enjoy learning about **WW2**. They have researched the events that led up to and happened during WW2. They have also created a comic strip about the London Blitz.

Next week, they will be writing a non-chronological report about evacuation. Their report will include information about how the children were evacuated and where they were evacuated to.



## School Attendance



### Class Attendance

Well done to **3ST, 4AA, 5ST, 5ZY and 6ZB** who achieved our school attendance target of 97% and above for last week.

**Our school attendance last week was 93.3%**

### The Magic 10 Raising Class Punctuality Project!

A huge well done to class **3GJ** for successfully improving their class punctuality during the Magic 10 raising class punctuality project. To celebrate the overall improved class punctuality Mrs Grace rewarded 3GJ with a box of board games to use during wet play time. Thank you to all the parents and carers for working in partnership with school by ensuring their children arrive to school on time, everyday.

## PE TIMETABLE

**Monday 16th December**  
Year 4

**Tuesday 17th December**  
Swimming for 4NG and 4AA.  
**4NG MUST** be in school  
for 8.25am

**Wednesday 18th December**  
Year 3

**Thursday 19th December**  
Year 5

## ARTICLE OF THE WEEK Article 4



This week we focused on UNICEF **Article 4** which states that governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.



At Thornton, we make sure that all children are aware of their rights. We do this in many ways such as having regular discussions about the rights in class.



### 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!

