



THORNTON IN CRAVEN

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

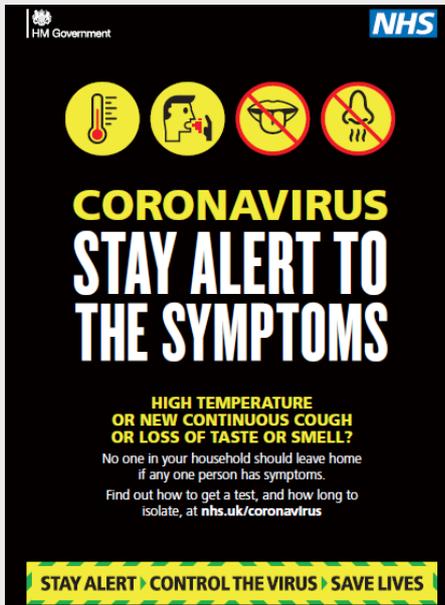
Headteacher's Message

Well that was a busy week! Thank you so much to everyone for your patience and understanding this week while we changed our working practices with no notice! Thank you also for the positive feedback received – it is a real boost and makes the hard work worthwhile. School is definitely not closed; we are just having to restrict our numbers and change how we deliver education for a while.

Hopefully, if your child is now learning remotely, they have managed to access DB primary (class 2/3/4) and have started engaging with the tasks set. Everything is on the 'Things to Do' section and there will be instructions prior to your child doing the work so please do help them get on there if they have not already done so. From next week there will be recorded teaching or recorded powerpoints and live meets. The main focus of live meetings will be for us to stay connected so please don't panic if you miss one. The main teaching input will be recorded so you can access it at a time to suit you. We are aiming for it to be easy for the children to access the work and complete it but obviously younger pupils will require more support initially. Don't panic if you have fallen behind due to getting to grips with the system – next week will be a fresh start but we do have minimum expectations of work to be completed so please set your child going on Monday morning.

Lots of children are in school accessing our critical worker care. They are working hard too. Each class is open with a number of children in them. As per guidance, they are spaced 2m apart where possible and they are accessing the same work as the children at home.

I want to end this week by thanking all the staff. We have worked incredibly hard completing weeks of work in a matter of days.



Birthdays this week

Theo B is 5
Harley K is 6
Seb C is 7
Cian H is 11

Happy Birthday!

Class 1

I would like to start off by saying a big well done to each and every one of you. You have all worked really hard and adapted amazingly well to home learning! We started off the week by sharing our Christmas holiday news. It was great to hear what you guys had been up too and you all produced some fabulous writing. We then started to share the book 'On Sudden Hill' - you all made some fab predictions of what you thought the story might be about and did some excellent descriptions of the hill. I am excited to share the book with you next week. In maths, we found one more and one less of a given number and then you all worked really hard to compare numbers. We looked at the season winter and created some fab art!

Class 2

I am fantastically proud of how well you have done this week adapting to the online learning and it was brilliant that we had such a great response to our online catch up! We have looked at setting targets by making New Year's resolutions and it was lovely to see how much thought you have all put into this. My superstars have been working well in maths using the videos and the worksheets to share their knowledge of the four operations and in literacy we have looked at a range of poems that are linked to the five senses. The children in school have enjoyed zooming in and out on google maps to find different cities so that they could mark them onto our map of the UK. I am pleased to see so many lovely self-portraits being created to show that we are all different and all special.

Class 3

Class 3 you have been super stars. we are so proud of the way you have adapted to learning at home. All those bits of 'just in case' learning using recorded powerpoints and DB Primary were worth it after all! Thank you for all the photos you've been sending in of your work. Mrs Twit has reached new levels of horribleness judging by your drawings and it was interesting to see the range of animals and plants you found in your park, garden or the school playground. Our class meets on Teams are hopefully going to go from strength to strength as we iron out the bumps and get into a routine. We can safely say that our ICT skills are coming on a treat. Enjoy the weekend and see you in person or on a screen next week.

Class 4

Class 4 you have all been amazing and we are very proud of you all this week. Many of you have managed to get on to the Teams meetings to say hi and have also navigated your way around DB to complete and then upload your finished work. This week we have started our literacy unit on Shackleton's Journey to the Antarctic and we have learnt a little bit about Shackleton and thought about what questions we would like to ask him. In geography, we have looked at the water cycle and some of us have made our own water cycle in a bag and then completed a diagram to show it. In history, we are looking at 20th century entertainment and made posters for a film of our choice, using bold lettering and colour.

Headteacher Awards:

Class 1: Billy W - working extremely hard at home, producing excellent work!

Class 2: Ivy T - excellent effort in every remote learning task.

Class 3: Aaron F - working well on remote learning tasks. Well done.

Class 4: Max B - super engagement with all online learning.