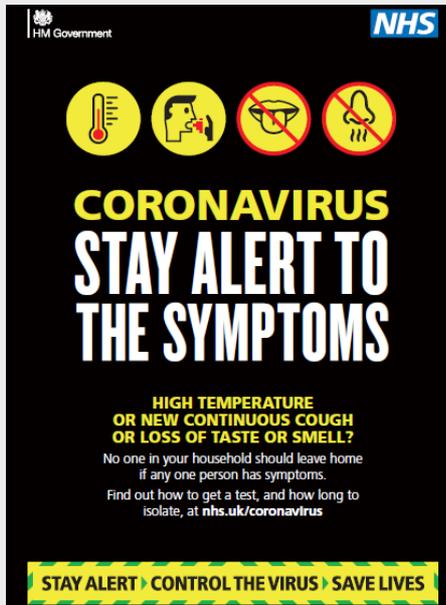




THORNTON IN CRAVEN

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Birthdays this week

Harrison Wo is 6

Happy Birthday!

Headteacher's Message

We've made it! I realise that isn't much consolation for all our parents who will still be working next week but also having to amuse their children but I think they are ready and deserving of a break. With two screen loving boys at home, I realise it is difficult to implement a screen break but do try to do so. Hopefully there will be opportunities for walks and playing outside. I would challenge everyone to continue with the arts theme too. Be as creative as possible and then show it to us after half term as we would love to see it.

I attended training on creating and adapting a virtual library this week and I am hoping that I will be able to launch that really soon so that children can have the opportunity to continue listening to audio books. Once it is sent, please direct them to it when they tell you they are bored. Reading for pleasure including listening to other people reading stories can have a huge educational impact.

Children can continue using DB primary in the holidays and they are welcome to submit work if they have some to catch up on but staff will be having a break from DB primary and email so please do not expect a reply over the holidays. If there is an urgent matter including a positive covid test then please email headteacher@thornton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk as I will still be accessing emails in the holidays for track and trace purposes.

I realise that the holidays in lockdown won't be as much fun but please continue to follow all the rules. While I realise children mix here in their class bubbles, that does not mean that they are allowed to outside of school. That will keep us all safe and keep numbers low so that we can hopefully welcome everyone back at the beginning of March. We're nearly there! Have a lovely holiday everyone.

Class 1

What a fantastic art and activity week Class One have had. We have enjoyed using upcoming celebrations to help us with this. We learnt about Chinese New Year looking at how and why it is celebrated. We then made our own Chinese New Year drums and the children in class enjoyed tasting a selection of Chinese food. We also learnt why Valentine's day is celebrated and enjoyed making our own valentines cards, decorations and biscuits! We have finished our phase 3 phonics sounds, but we will recap these after the holidays as some of these can be quite tricky. In maths we looked at capacity and used a range of vocabulary to compare the capacity in a range of containers. We also finished looking at Puffin Peter book writing a LOST poster and thank you card.

Class 2

What a creative bunch you are! We have loved getting absolutely filthy this week sculpting clay birds and painting Valentines cards with pop up centers. We enjoyed discovering the history behind the day and what the first Valentine message said. We have designed, made and played our own math board games and written instructions for how to play them. We have showed our resilience when learning to thread a needle and sew a bag and we have worked carefully to join the materials together. This will really help our sewing in the wall hanging project which is continuing through the holiday. We have thought about our opinions about rich and poor people and why they live where they do. It was great to get outside and practice tricky words in the fresh air and we had fun checking and editing the words.

Class 3

We have really enjoyed art week this week. The children have worked hard in their maths work and continued listening to the Night Bus Hero story. We hope it all works out OK for Thomas and Hector in the end! Cross stitch live on Monday was interesting - it is a bit difficult to explain the process remotely! For Chinese New Year, our art packs contained a wooden Chinese lantern that we coloured in and put together and for science, we looked at branching keys and used this technique to identify different liquorice allsorts. This afternoon has involved mystery seed planting. I wonder what will grow in a few weeks' time if you take care of your seedlings? Well done Class 3. Have a lovely break.

Class 4

Once again class 4 have risen to the challenge and produced some super work for activity week. We started the week going on scavenger hunts outside and enjoyed listening to our class reads snuggled with blankets and in onesies, whilst drinking hot chocolate. We have made periscopes, which linked to our science topic on light. We made some spelling art with words we found tricky to remember. We have also planted cress and sweet peas and have decorated bird feeders and made our own to hang up in our gardens. It has also been great to see our signs of spring photos and the different ways we have thought to present our photography, some very imaginative work - well done.



Consider this a **Headteacher's Award for everyone as we come to the end of this half term. All pupils, staff and parents – Well done!**