



# THORNTON IN CRAVEN

## COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Dates for your diary

**Friday 22/02/19** – Class 1 Stay and Play 9:00-9:30

**Friday 22/02/19** – PTA non-uniform day

**Friday 22/02/19** – Times-tables challenge celebration assembly

**Friday 22/02/19** – Break up for half term

**Monday 04/03/19** – Back to school

**11-15<sup>th</sup> March** – Science week

**Thursday 07/03/19** – World Book Day – book poster for display

### Awards

Good news assembly will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 at 3pm.

Awards will be given to:

**Freddie Rhodes** – fantastic progress in reading and writing.

**Alexia van Essen** - fantastic explanations in her Maths and always showing a mature and sensible attitude.

**Chloe Boothman** – for excellent work in all areas and always showing a mature attitude.

### Headteacher's Message



If your child has been practising their times-tables either on rock stars, or on paper or just orally with parents and others please could you record how many practice sessions have been completed in their reading record and what level of certificate they have aimed for/achieved. We are going with honesty for this so don't worry about providing proof. It is the practising of the times-tables that is beneficial not the certificate. The certificate is merely for recognition of everyone's efforts. Gold was for practising 4x a week, silver for 3x a week and bronze for 2x a week over the last 6 weeks (inc. next week). Next half term's challenge is to complete a science project for science week. Thank you for your support.

### Just to say....



As reported in a text message this week, we have a few cases of **chicken pox** in school. If your child has not yet had it, please keep your eye out for spots and keep them off school until spots have fully scabbed over/dried out.

We have also had reports of **head lice** in school – please can everyone check and treat this weekend so we can get rid of them quickly. Thank you.

Reminder that we have a **PTA non-uniform** day next Friday.

### **Class 1**

In Numeracy this week we have continued to look at coins. We have continued to recognise the coins and then used coins to make different amounts. We used our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s to combine coins to make a given amount. In Literacy we have started to look at the book *Handa's Surprise* - we have used pictures from the story to retell the story. Miss Parry brought a selection of the fruits from the story for us to look at and even taste - from this we generated lots of adjectives and used these to write descriptive sentences. In topic we looked at how fashion has changed over the years, we looked at flares, leggings and leg warmers - the children were highly amused by this. In Science we looked at our rain gauges to see how much rain had been collected over the week. We then wrote up our experiments using scientific language. In ICT we used the Beebots to travel forwards, backwards, left and right.

### **Class 2**

In maths, Year Two and Three have worked hard on addition and subtraction. We have looked at methods of calculation including mental strategies and more formal column addition and subtraction using pictures and sums. The children tried to use 'common sense' strategies to work out which method to use. In Literacy, we began looking at stories from other places, in particular from the rainforest. We looked at a book about a Kapok tree and focused on the grammar that we could identify in the book. We looked at adverbial and prepositional phrases and then tried to include these in a letter to the animals. In PSHCE, we looked at personal hygiene and how to keep ourselves feeling clean and healthy. In Science, we looked at how animals hear and made lots of interesting factsheets. In Topic, we compared Sherwood and the Amazon forest.

### **Class 3**

In literacy this week, we have started to look at features of persuasive writing, we tasted a variety of chocolate bars to inspire us to design our own and think of catchy language to sell them. In maths, we have rounded numbers up to the nearest 1000000 and we have started to look at fractions, finding a fraction of an amount and a fraction of a whole. In art, we painted mountains, choosing either pencil, oil pastel or watercolours, which we then researched and added more information to include on our fact sheets. In science we made buzz wire games using a simple circuit, we then came up with different design ideas to present them to the rest of the class. In PE we looked at combat moves to inspire a dance routine.

### **This week in After-School club:**

This week in afterschool club we have been making Valentine hearts woven on paper plates. On Tuesday we made cut out chocolate biscuits in the shapes of hearts and flowers. The children also enjoyed playing with Lego, and using Hama beads.