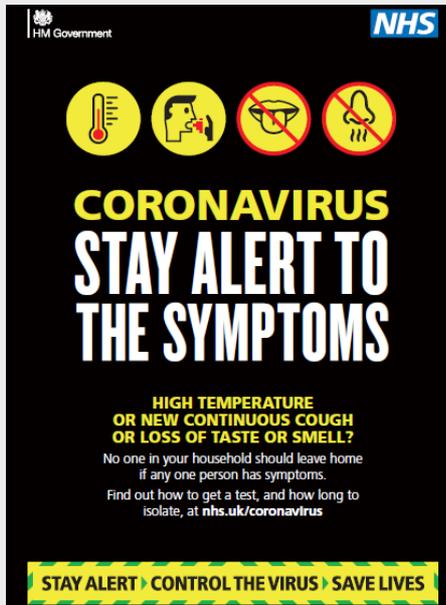




THORNTON IN CRAVEN

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Birthdays this week

Betsy P is 9

Henry P is 7

Happy Birthday!

Headteacher's Message

It is World Book Day next week. It seems a long time since last year's 'dress as a homophone'. This year, inspired by a reading for pleasure lesson, we are going to be producing reading rivers. This is where children reflect on their own reading journey and reading preferences but we will also be asking some of our children to talk to their parents or grandparents about their reading rivers/journey. This will be set as a task so you may be asked questions like:

**What is a book you remember being read to you?
(mine was Meg and Mog)**

The first books you remember reading (Puddle lane)

Books you loved as a child

Books that had an impact

Things you like reading now

We have had a great time as a staff talking about these and making our own reading rivers to display. I hope you (or grandparents) enjoy making a reading river with your child too.

Back to School

A letter and back to school guide has been sent out. If you have not received it please let us know. The school shoes part of the guide has raised a few questions due to shoe shops remaining shut until at least after Easter. Please do not worry if your child has to wear trainers until you are able to buy new school shoes. Children should however wear school uniform and school PE kit (black shorts or joggers/leggings, House or white T-shirt). If there is an issue with getting these then please let us know.

Thank you.

Class 1

Well done for your hard work again this week guys. You are all still working very hard at home - one more week to go, you can do it! In literacy this week we have started to look at traditional tales. We have read the story 'The Three Little pigs', made story maps and started to write a retell of the story. In maths we have worked on 2D shapes. We have named a range of 2D shapes and enjoyed making these shapes using natural objects. We had to use our knowledge of properties of 2D shapes to create these. We have enjoyed our PE sessions this week. In science we have looked at materials. We found a range of materials in the classroom and at home. We then started to think about the properties of different materials and which materials would be strong enough to build a house for the little pigs.

Class 2

I am just blown away by the short stories the children have been creating this week. They have thought about how they can include all the parts of their plan, while still making it make sense, and how to make it interesting for the reader. It has resulted in some serious giggles! We have enjoyed thinking about measuring using different equipment and how we can interpret instructions to draw 2D shapes. The children were very imaginative in the designing and creation of a foil finger puppet and persevered to perfect their joining techniques. Our non-fiction book about people who work in space led to fantastic questions about the Mars Rover that has just landed and the surface of Mars. We have begun our potato observations for the school potato challenge and we are looking forward to planting.

Class 3

We have finished our work on the Owl who was afraid of the dark by improving and writing diary entries on behalf of Plop the owl. We had to include vocabulary to highlight the detail of Plop's day. In maths, we have been multiplying and dividing which is rather tricky. Well done for persevering with it. It is very clear who has watched the instructional videos and how has skipped it though! For DT, we have started researching Viking helmets so we can make our own and in geography we have looked at why people visit London. In RE we have started learning about Jesus including how we don't actually know what he looked like because the first painting of him wasn't done until 150 years after he died.

Class 4

We are all soldiering on in class 4, like Shackleton and his crew! This week we have storyboarded events to where Shackleton and his crew were finally rescued and were amazed the whole crew survived the expedition! We have enjoyed learning about the circulatory system, looking at different blood vessels, veins, arteries and capillaries. We discussed our dream jobs in PSHE- from interior designers, architects, theoretical physicists and vets. In history we looked at the influence of film and TV on ourselves and others and made mind maps. We have learned about different types of mountains and how they are formed in geography and created some fascinating factsheets.

Headteacher Awards

We are suspending headteacher awards until everyone is back with us. Then we can re-start proudly putting pictures in the newsletter from Friday 12th March onwards. Keep working hard and it might be you!