



THORNTON IN CRAVEN

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates for your diary

- 05/03/2018** – World Book Day – decorate an egg as a book character
- 05/03/2018** - Zoo lab visiting rec/Y1/Y2
- 12-16 March 2018** – Science Week
- 23/03/2018** – Easter Service 2.30pm at school
- 26-29 March 2018** – Year 5/6 Bewerley Park
- 29/03/2018** – Class 2 (Y2/3/4) to see Awful Auntie at the Alhambra plus visit to Salts Mill
- 29/03/2018** – Break up for Easter
- 17/04/2018** – Back to school
- 14-18 May 2018** – Y6 SATs week

Next week's awards

The next good news assembly will be on Friday 9th March 2018.

Last week's awards will be given to:

Ava Aldren - working extremely hard in all areas. Always helpful to others.

Eleanor Holtom - for superb progress particularly in her writing.

Mason Ross-Bryar - for focus and effort and for superb work particularly in maths.

Headteacher's Message

What an interesting week! Certainly not one we will forget in a hurry! Making the decision to close is always a very difficult one. The preference would always be to stay open but the safety of pupils, staff and parents remains the first priority. The sudden onset of Wednesday's snow highlighted the need to make decisions earlier where possible and while it is difficult to meet everyone's needs, everyone has been wholeheartedly supportive of the decisions made even if they may not agree. Thank you for that. I am confident in everyone's ability to catch up on any learning time lost. Some ideas for extra work over the weekend are also on the next page. Any work is helpful but not compulsory. We are looking forward to seeing everyone next week.

World Book Day

Please bring World book Day entries on Monday and we'll hope they don't start to smell. We should have stuck to potatoes!

PTA NEWS

Bag Packing

This will now take place on Saturday 21st April 2018. A letter will be sent nearer the time.

Bingo Night

This will take place on Thursday 8th March. If you have purchased tickets but cannot make the new date then please see the office for a refund.

Zoo Lab

As part of science week (but a week early), zoo lab will be visiting Rec/Y1/Y2 on Monday afternoon. They will be bringing various large creepy crawlies including a tarantula but also a snake, frog and rat. Children will not be made to touch any if they do not wish to do so and the tarantula will remain caged in throughout! The focus of the visit will be on habitats as part of our science work from last half term.

Class 1

We worked on ordering numbers from smallest to largest and biggest to smallest. We looked at the spelling rules for when you add -ing or -ed to words. In science, we are learning about different scientists and this week we looked at what happened to light when it passed through a prism. We also enjoyed the snow on Tuesday!

Class 2

We have worked on formal column subtraction and Year 4 completed some reasoning problems involving subtraction. We wrote poems about snowy weather, focusing on descriptive language and using commas in lists or to mark clauses.

Class 3

This week we have developed circuit training skills in PE and worked on high impact exercise to get our heart-rates up and to improve our fitness. In history, we researched a historical 'first' and made notes about it. We have started to write a discussion text around the subject 'should children have mobile phones?' Using the snow as inspiration, we wrote about snowy settings and also translated and reflected shapes in numeracy. We have made our own pencil case designs.

Some weekend homework ideas:**Class 1:**

Write some sentences (reception) or a paragraph about playing in the snow this week. Give your children some numbers and ask them to order them from smallest to largest or biggest to smallest. How high can they go? Some managed numbers into the hundreds this week. Practice handwriting - concentrating on letter formation, letter direction and pencil grip. Read to a parent and answer questions about the book.

Class 2:

Write a recount about what you did on your snow days but concentrate on higher level punctuation, spelling and sentence structure. Engage your reader. Practice times-tables and the corresponding division facts. Use www.timetables.co.uk or transum beat the clock. Any fraction games would also be a good thing to play. Read to a parent and answer questions about the book.

Class 3:

Complete your homework from Mrs Whitwell and complete this week's literacy homework from Mrs Moorhouse. Ask your parents to write you some fractions calculations to complete. Can you remember the rules for adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing fractions? Read to a parent and answer questions about the book.