



THORNTON IN CRAVEN

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates for your diary

Monday 04/03/19 – Back to school

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

11-15th March – Science week

Friday 15.03.19 – Non-uniform day for Comic Relief

Friday 15.03.19 – Science Fayre from 2.45pm onwards

Friday 22nd March – No Good News assembly

Awards

There will be no Good News assembly on Friday 8th March.

Headteacher's Message

Very well done to all the children (and families) who have taken time to practise their times tables over the last half term. We have also been practising them daily in our numeracy lessons too and it is starting to have an impact. There are some very impressive statistics for some children. This then has an amazing impact on all other areas of maths too. Children who are confident in their times tables can confidently simplify fractions or find equivalent fractions. They can find the area of a shape quickly and they can efficiently calculate related facts such as 20×30 . Please keep encouraging your children to learn them with instant recall. The challenge for next half term is to complete science projects for the 15th March.

Just to say....

Parking – a reminder that people must not park across a pavement to the point that a pushchair cannot get through. A wing mirror is not more important than a baby or child.

Thank you for your support for today's **PTA non uniform day**. The recent bingo night also made £150 and it was very well attended. Thanks to the PTA and your generosity, these funds have paid for new reading books and blinds, lighting and sound in the hall. The PTA will be contributing to new interactive smart boards in each class and the hall and these are being installed tomorrow! Thank you.



Football club will start after half term. Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm – this is free to attend for all children in year 2 or above.

Class 1

In numeracy, we have looked at measure - focusing on weight. We have used the balance scales to identify if objects are heavier or lighter. We have also used cubes to weigh classroom items. We then looked at scales using g and kg and solved problems combining weights in g and kg. In literacy we have continued with the story Handa's Surprise - the children have created their own versions of the story using a story map and have written their versions with a focus on extending their sentences using co-ordination and subordination. In topic we discussed everything we have learnt over the 7 weeks and then ended our unit making a traditional toy - a cup and ball. In ICT, we have enjoyed using the Beebots and the Beebot maps - we combined all the skills we have learnt over the half term to get the Beebot to travel around the map. In art, the children looked at Kandinsky and his artwork 'Circles' - the children then replicated his art work using watercolors.

Class 2

Year 2/3 have been looking at statistics in numeracy. We have interpreted tally charts and made our own. We even inputted the data on to laptops to create a tally chart using ICT. Y4 have been looking at perimeter. We completed some excellent problem solving finding missing values in order to calculate perimeter and we have become very skilled at explaining our mathematical reasoning. In literacy, we have looked at the classic poem Please Mrs Butler. We identified the rhyming words and rhyming scheme and then wrote our own version of the poem. In DT, we have made flapjack, measuring out the ingredients accurately. We then wrote the instructions for how to make it using all the features of an instructional text. In art, we have been looking closely at leaves and how each one is different. We then painted leaves in watercolour using wax resist to add detail.

Class 3

In numeracy we have been calculating the difference between a positive and negative number, without the use of a number line. We have also looked at converting fractions to decimals and vice versa, and practiced our reasoning and problem solving skills. In literacy, we started making an advert for a holiday home, identifying persuasive language that we could use. We also started to plan an imaginative non-chronological report on where lost things go. In topic, we made different mini quiches using ingredients such as ham, cheese, onion, mushroom and tomato. They were delicious! In PE for our final session on basketball, we had mini tournaments in teams of 3 and 4. In science we finished our buzz wire games and drew a scientific diagram of the circuit.

This week in After-School club:

This week in after school club, we have been making animal masks. In baking, we made apple pastries. We have also been using laptops to access times-tables rock stars and this has been very popular.