



THORNTON IN CRAVEN

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates for your diary

09/03/20 – Science Week

13/03/20 – open classrooms from 2.45pm

11/03/20 – C1 visit to Thornton Hall Farm – science week link.

20/03/20 – Class 3 trip to Herd Farm, Leeds

30/03/20 – Class 4 trip to a Mandir and Bradford Cathedral

31/03/20 – C1 stay and play 2:30pm.

02/04/20 – Non-school uniform, pay £1, to raise money for Friends of Thornton School.

02/04/20 – 2pm Easter Service at school.

02/04/20 – Break up

There is no good news assembly next week. Instead it is open classrooms from 2.45pm onwards. Please come and view your child's science week work and any other work displayed in the classrooms. You will also be able to view #scienceselfies

Don't forget #scienceselfies - children to take a science selfie and then describe/explain the science that is taking place in the picture.

Headteacher's Message

Coronavirus – what it means in school

This is an ever-evolving situation and we receive a government update every afternoon. They have launched an education help line should we need it. The official advice is no school should close unless told to do so by Public Health England.

In reality this is what we are doing in school:

- We have increased the wiping of door handles, rail, buttons, switches, taps etc... to twice daily at least.
- We have purchased extra dishwashing trays so from next week each class will dishwash water bottles and staff cups every night so they can dry by morning. The children will be trained to empty their bottle and put it on the tray before they leave at the end of the day. Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school so they don't share when the weather improves.
- The children have been taught about safe handwashing and they are reminded regularly. Everyone knows to report it if the soap runs out.
- The official guidance of NYCC is that children must not use alcohol-based sanitiser. It is absorbed in the skin and bad for joints. Non-alcohol sanitiser is now in school but this will not replace good handwashing. Staff have alcohol-based sanitiser for their use or for visitors use.
- The latest advice is that anyone returning from anywhere in Italy who shows symptoms must self-isolate. If you have travel plans to Italy in the Easter holidays please let us know.

All of these are good habits to develop and hopefully we will see a reduction in norovirus and other illnesses in the future as well!

Thank you from Class 4

Thank you for all your support in baking and supporting the non-uniform and cake sale. We raised £183! This will mainly go to the Alzheimer's Society and some money will be spent on Fairtrade Easter eggs for our local foodbank.

Class 1

We had some unexpected visitors in Class this week who made a huge mess in our classroom. Our visitors left us a book 'Aliens love Underpants' which we have all enjoyed reading. The aliens have visited our classroom each day leaving us underpants and have written replies to the letters we left for them. We have designed our own shape aliens and a pair of underpants for them. We then wrote descriptions of our aliens. The aliens then sent us a letter to say they had set up a treasure hunt for us - we had to read the clues around school to find the treasure! In maths this week we have looked at symmetry, creating symmetrical patterned underpants. We have introduced doubles - I am very impressed with the children's mental recall of these.

Class 2

We have been looking at African jewellery and creating our own art based on their necklaces. We have looked at different aspects of shape and symmetry and enjoyed getting hands on with the equipment. For world book day we read lots of stories linked to our lessons and thought about our favorite characters and books. In science we have looked at how different types of plants begin to grow. We are continuing to look after our chitting potatoes and look forward to seeing some changes. Our competition winner for the recycling poster was Olivia Mellin, all the entries were of a very high standard.

Class 3

First of all, congratulations on the amazing homophones. Truly inspired! In other news, we have been using our multiplication facts to multiply and divide larger numbers. We are getting better and better at our tables, with many names on our super hero board this week. Fantastic effort, keep sneaking in that daily practice. In literacy we have written a continuation of Ug's story and explored reflective materials and mirrors in science. Finally in geography we used digital maps to think about the jobs that people may have in Malham as part of our Pennine topic. This has involved using the digimaps website which has been very exciting, especially for Mrs Maloney!

Class 4

We thoroughly enjoyed our cake stall - thanks to the huge support from home for bringing in all the delicious items! It was lovely to see the class working so well together to support such good causes. In science we have started our new topic about properties and changes in materials and looked at states of matter as solids, liquids and gases. We also investigated which materials could be added to a circuit to allow the bulb to light. In maths we have been reading charts, graphs and timetables, calculating and solving problems with the information. We have also drafted our non-chronological reports thinking carefully about presentation and using formal language. In DT we taste tested some Scottish foods including oatcakes, sweet and salty porridge and haggis! A lot of us were surprised that we liked the haggis.

This week in After-School club

In arts and crafts we had lots of fun making some snails using paper plate, card, googly eyes and collage paper. On Thursday we enjoyed making and eating our own snack of margherita pitta pizzas. There has been a lot of mindfulness colouring, building with the wooden Jenga blocks, and playing with the marble run.