



THORNTON IN CRAVEN

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dates for your diary

16/12/2020 - Christmas Dinner - an invite for packed lunches to have a dinner will be sent out shortly.

18/12/2020 - In class Christmas parties - non-uniform.

18/12/2020 - Break up for Christmas holidays.



Birthdays this week

Jake G is 6!

Happy Birthday!

After School Club

A reminder that after school club places must be cancelled by 9am. School pays to have snack made and this costs the school if we are not told that places are not needed. We will charge for this in future.

Thank you.

Headteacher's Message

As we enter lockdown 2.0 we are having to tighten our restrictions in school after advice changed from the government. The main change for us is the need to further restrict all unnecessary visitors to school. We have therefore suspended tours of the school during lockdown and unfortunately we have had to move our planned school photographs. These will now be taken in the Spring term as the photographer is not allowed in school during lockdown. We are disappointed that these could not be completed earlier in the academic year but we will manage them at some point.

We will not be producing commercially printed Christmas cards this year. There was a low uptake last year so we decided then to take a year out at the time. Unfortunately, we didn't foresee that other Christmas activities would have to be changed! There is plenty to look forward to in school over the next two months though and we are delighted that we get to open as normal.

Ask your child...

Class 1	Can you describe the properties of circles and triangles?
Class 2	How many fairy tales can you think of? What is the magical feature in each?
Class 3	Can you describe the kinds of places where people have chosen to settle in Scandinavia?
Class 4	What might you see if you visit Chichen Itza?

Class 1

It is great to be back at school after the half term break. We have enjoyed learning all about bonfire night this week. We introduce the gunpowder plot story and explained the reasoning as to why we celebrate bonfire night. The children then re told the story. We enjoyed making our own firework pictures using a range of craft materials and then wrote words around based on what noise the fireworks make. We made Parkin following the instructions carefully - it was yummy! We then wrote instructions on how we made it. In numeracy we have looked at the 2D shapes circles and triangles - we discussed the shapes and the properties of thee including sides and corners. We have continued to work hard in phonics and are working hard to use our letter knowledge to write simple captions. We enjoyed another PE session with our PE coach.

Class 2

This week Class 2 have been learning about fire safety and the importance of knowing to STOP! DROP AND ROLL. They have looked into the history of bonfire night and why and how we remember it each year. We have made rocket word banks to send our sentences zooming and beautiful firework paintings to capture the light and colour of a firework. We have continued our learning about animal food chains. In literacy we have begun learning about fairy tales. We have enjoyed reading a range of them and discussing the features which are similar in each. In math's Year 1 have looked at 3d shapes and Year 2 have begun to look at how to recognise and name different coins.

Class 3

In literacy this week with Mrs Maloney we have been adding information to sentences using subordinate clauses and using these sentences to help explain our story predictions. We have been looking at different ways of showing multiplying and dividing in maths and in science we started our new topic on sound by thinking about the differences between sound and noise. Along with this, we have looked for patterns in where settlements have been built in the Scandinavian countries. On the laptops, we have completed challenges and games on Nessy and we used the paint program to make our own art work based on Kandinsky's circles. Some of us were very accurate at drawing shapes on the computer.

Class 4

In literacy we have started to plan our own story inspired by the iron man called The Iron Woman, we have also started to imagine we are a passenger onboard an airship like the character Lily from the book Cogheart, describing what we might see and how we might feel. We are also using Cogheart for our inspiration in design where we have started to create a mechanical animal for our automata. In science we are looking at forces, and looked at friction found in everyday objects such as running shoes, we also did an experiment with jelly seeing how different surfaces effected friction. In maths we have been practicing short division and we have been adding fractions using denominators that are multiples. We have also run around the new track for PE.

This week in After-School club:

We have had a fireworks theme this week, we have used pastels on black paper to create colorful firework pictures. We have also used scratch art to make effective firework display art. On the dry days we have gone outside to play making the most of the daylight left.

Headteacher Awards



Class 1 – Theodore B
For: excellent retelling of The Gunpowder Plot.



Class 2 – Emma C
For: being a kind friend to her classmates.



Class 3 – Scarlett L
For: taking great care to do her best in all things at school.



Class 4 – Grace R
For: Amazing literacy using super vocabulary.

