



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

Megan P is 11!

Happy Birthday!

Lockdown

We are resending the parent guide and isolation guide with this newsletter. When anyone in the household has symptoms the whole household must isolate and not come to school. Also please do not stay unnecessarily before or after school during this new lockdown as households must not mix. Please re-read the guidance and protect our children, staff and community by sticking to the lockdown rules.

Thank you.

Headteacher's Message

Ask not just what your school can do for you (or your child) but what you can do for your school...

Dear parents, we need a bit of help! Under these new rules of bubbles, catch up, and teaching in school while also providing remote learning for any children isolating at home, our staff are working flat out and we are not able to mix in classes to give each other a break. We might look like swans but it is often a day of firefighting and we are often short-staffed. As a result, some of the activities we would normally plan for don't go ahead as planned. So.... could parents possibly consider ways in which they can 'virtually' help the school? Perhaps having a virtual conversation with myself or on the FB group about PTA fundraising ideas such as a raffle or presents for parents at Christmas or some other virtual activities to aid children's wellbeing during this new lockdown and beyond? Could the PTA help with providing cake for our end of party plus other prizes for party games for example? The PTA numbers have dwindled to virtually no members left so I am hoping some of our parents further down the school with ideas and suggestions will now be ready to step up? Our previous PTA members had a massive impact and always helped myself and our staff deliver fun activities. It is a great way to help the school and most importantly our children.

Ask your child...

Class 1	How do people celebrate Diwali?
Class 2	Why is it important to help others?
Class 3	What was the effect on our ability to sense where a sound was coming from when we covered one ear? Why was this?
Class 4	What do you know about Isaac Newton?

Class 1

We have enjoyed learning about a range of events this week in class. We have learnt about the celebration Diwali and why it is celebrated. We watched a video clip which taught us about the story of Rana and Sita. We then retold the story. We then watched a video clip to find out about how Diwali is celebrated. We found out that people ate special sweets and decorated their houses with Diva lamps. We used clay to make our own Diva lamps and then decorated these. We also made our own coconut sweets. We also learnt about Remembrance Day and discussed why we mark this day every year. We made our own paper plate poppies and observed a whole school silence. We then learnt about Children in Need and why we need to raise money for such a worthy cause. We have continued to work hard in phonics and are moving on to phase 3 sounds next week.

Class 2

This week we have been learning about Diwali and the associated traditions. We have thought about International kindness day, Children in Need and all of the people who help us. We enjoyed seeing the whole school in their separate bubbles doing our silence for Armistice Day as it reminded us that it was something that connects us to our families wherever they may be. We also thought about all the animals who served in the war alongside the soldiers. In literacy we have started to plan our adaptation of the Rapunzel story and we have seen how stories can be told in different ways from different perspectives. In maths, Year 1 are working on shapes and their properties and Year 2 are looking at making amounts in different ways.

Class 3

In literacy this week, we have explored the next part of The Tin Forest by creating a group performance describing the old man's creation of a forest. We thought about his feelings and how he might show them in his words, actions and appearance. With Mrs Smith, we have started reading a new book called the Firebird and we drew a representation of the firebird in pastel. We have been dividing amounts by grouping and sharing in maths and some of us having been multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. In other areas, we have investigated sewn hanging decorations in DT, observed how well our ears can hear exactly where a sound is coming from in science and researched the different natural resources found the Scandinavian countries.

Class 4

This week we have been planning our adventure story inspired by book Cogheart, we also used Story Mountains to help plan our Iron woman stories. In maths we have been adding mixed number fractions and converting mixed numbers and improper fractions, and have been measuring angles using a protractor. In science we learnt about gravity and Isaac Newton's discovery. In history we completed our factsheets on Chichen Itza, and found out about the game Pok-a-tok. We have also had practise using our online learning resources and logged onto Nesy and started working our way through the challenges. We have also used the running track doing longer races and quicker sprints.

This week in After-School club:

This week on the dry days we have tried to get outside as much as possible. We have had loads of fun predicting whether playing cards are going to be higher or lower, like play your cards right. We have created some bread rolls using various designs in dough.

Headteacher Awards



Class 1 – Isabelle P
For: excellent progress in reading and writing.



Class 2 – Zara C
For: giving reasons to explain her shape sorting.



Class 3 – Alfie Mc
For: being determined to learn new skills in maths.



Class 4 – Ossian R
For: A consistent mature attitude to learning.

