

# Woodthorpe Primary School

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*Our school is a happy, exciting and caring community in which each child thrives.*

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

We have all been sporty in school this week. It started off with an amazing dance show by two of our year 3 girls who performed to the school in assembly on Wednesday. The girls had planned the whole dance routine and by the end all the children within the hall were dancing along too! The teachers have also had their sports kits on this week – they have been taking part in training around sport and how we can get our children more active over the next few months.

Thank you to all the parents who have donated to our community shop, we hope to reopen this in the next few weeks now that the evenings are getting a little lighter. If you do have any spare old school uniform that you would like to donate, please just pass on to the office staff.



## Girl's Football Competition

We are so proud of our girl's football team who, last week, went to play in the North Yorkshire finals. They all played some brilliant football and showed great teamwork and perseverance throughout. We came joint second in our group: winning two matches, drawing one and losing one. We were so close to making it through to the semi-finals - next year that trophy is ours! Well done girls!

## E-Safety

Next week marks Internet Safety Day 2022. On Tuesday 8th February across school we will be exploring how to keep ourselves safe online. This year's theme is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

Within school we will be looking at the role of the internet and how this impacts our daily lives. We will work together to create informative leaflets for 'dos' and 'don'ts' for some of the games and apps our children use and then publish these, making them available to parents.

To support your child with online safety at home please see the following links for advice for parents and carers.

**Safer Internet Day 2022- Advice for parents and carers -**  
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>

**NSPCC -** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#guides>



## Nursery

We have been very busy in the Ducklings class and have done so many exciting activities over the past couple of weeks! We have been enjoying lots of Forest School trips, baking days and learning through play. There have been so many lovely moments that we would like to share with you...

### Lunar New Year

On Monday morning, we stepped into a beautiful oasis with relaxing, oriental music playing and lots of Lunar New Year provocations for learning. We were immediately curious and wanted to know more! We have tinkered with China tea sets, tasted fortune cookies, made our own lanterns and enjoyed reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*. We have also enjoyed exploring all of the different countries that celebrate Lunar New Year in our wonderful 'Maps' book.



### Our creations!

We have made some very yummy treats over the past couple of weeks but our favourite was definitely the wibbly wobbly jelly! We talked about the different steps which we needed to follow and all enjoyed joining in with them. It was a super opportunity to practise our scissor skills whilst cutting up the jelly cubes and we loved watching the jelly turn from a solid to a liquid. The next day, we ate our jelly for morning snack - it was delicious!



### Adventurous play

Our Forest School trips have been wonderful - especially for our new starters who hadn't yet experienced the forest. We have been so adventurous when climbing trees - we are all so brave and have loved challenging ourselves and exploring what we can do! There were lots of proud faces looking down on us from up in the trees!



### Shoutouts

We would like to give our special shout out to Kobi this week! Kobi has settled into Nursery so wonderfully and is making us so proud every day. Kobi listens beautifully, is kind and caring with his friends and is also brilliant at tidying up. Well done Kobi!

## Reception

### Maths is everywhere!

Reception have loved practising their number and computing skills on our Smart Board by identifying the correct numerals to get the helicopter to rescue the stranded people. They have also loved exploring the order of numbers as well as capacity in the outdoor area. Great work Reception!



### Chinese New Year!

Happy Chinese New Year 2022. This week in Reception we have really enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year and some of its traditions. We have learnt all about the Chinese Zodiac including The Great Race, created dragons, made the Great Wall of China, learnt where China is and learnt how to say hello in Mandarin!



### Teeth Experiment!

We have been learning about keeping healthy, in particular oral hygiene and the importance of looking after our teeth. So, to see the effects of different things on our teeth, we did an experiment using eggs. We learnt that egg shells are made of a similar material to the enamel on our teeth and we explored what happens when we put the eggs into different liquids: water, vinegar, orange juice and cola. The results were quite shocking! The cola turned the egg shell black, the vinegar made the egg shell disappear completely and the orange juice caused the egg shell to go white, created lumps on it and cracked the egg shell. The egg in the water did not change at all, so we concluded that water is the healthiest liquid for our teeth!



### Shout outs - Cygnets

Bryan - For your amazing work in phonics, you have been trying so hard, especially with your writing. It's lovely to see your enthusiasm and determination. Well done Bryan!

Amelia L - For working your fantastic work on Chinese New Year that you did at home, it was wonderful to hear how you have taken your learning home and we especially love your Chinese tiger bunting. Great work Amelia!

### Shout outs - Goslings

Caoimhe - For your super phonics. You blow us away with your knowledge of sounds and fantastic reading. We are really proud of you. Well done Caoimhe!

Maya - For your amazing attitude and hard work each day. You always try your very best and have been super at remembering so many facts about oral hygiene and how to lead a healthy lifestyle. Great job Maya!

## Year 1

### Kingfisher- Forest schools!

In History, we have been learning all about the royal family! We decided to take our learning outdoors this week into the forest where we had to create a defence to keep our castle safe! Have a look at our scary faces to defend against the enemies.



### Hummingbird - Royal Photo shoot!

As part of our History topic, based on the British royal family, we compared past and present family members! We decided to create our own photo album and had great fun having a mini photo shoot. We especially loved sitting on the royal throne. We learnt about the different actions taken by each member and the reason behind them. We were shocked to learn that Henry VII had 6 wives!



### Year 1 - Hummingbird and Kingfishers - RE - Religious Symbols

In our RE lesson, we talked about what is special about belonging to a group and why it is important to people. We then discovered that some people belong to different religions and thought carefully about which symbols show that someone belongs to a religion. We created our very own badges and used a symbol to show which group we belonged to.



### Shout outs - Kingfisher

**Leni-** For your enthusiasm towards reading both in school and outside of school. It is so lovely to hear about all the books that you read at home, keep up the good work you have nearly reached gold on the reading chart!

**Joshua-** Well done for how independent you are becoming, especially in your writing! You are able to use your imagination to come up with some amazing sentences!

### Shout outs - Hummingbird

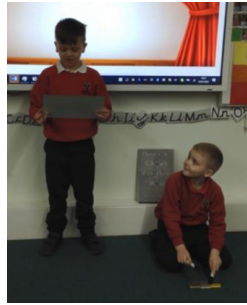
**Beth -** Well done for your outstanding English poem. You used a wide range of fantastic adjectives and wrote the poem in beautiful cursive handwriting.

**Oli -** A huge thank you for all your hard work in our phonics lessons. You always have brilliant behaviour and show a great, determined attitude. Keep it up, Oli!

## Year 2

### Science- Everyday Materials

To kickstart our new science topic, we took part in a scavenger hunt to find different objects made from everyday materials. We had a set time to find as many items in the classroom as we could- it got VERY competitive but we were super proud of how well all the children knew the materials! Following on from the hunt, we then created our own songs about the different materials and their uses.



### Computing

This half term we are thinking about how we can keep safe when online. This week the children became e-safety officers and gave amazing advice for what people should do in different scenarios. Their advice was incredible and we hope they don't forget it.



### RE - Jewish Festivals

Year 2 have loved learning about Judaism and some of the Jewish traditions. Last week, we were fascinated when learning about the festival of Sukkot and what the families do to celebrate. Families make their own 'huts' (sukkot in Hebrew) and are meant to live in these during the weeklong celebration. Year 2 had a great time creating their own 'huts' in the forest.



### Shout outs - Finch

**Izzy** - for being a wonderful member of Finch class! You always listen carefully in class, make valuable contributions and take real pride in your work. Keep this up Izzy, you're a real super-star!

**Jett** - for your amazing work in Maths this last few weeks. You have amazed me with your understanding and enthusiasm when completing challenges. Well done!

### Shout outs - Robin

**Abi**- Thank you for being such a super-star in our class. You always try your hardest, are a supportive friend and challenge yourself with everything that you do!

**George**- You are such a role model to Robin class; you work incredibly hard and your writing has been phenomenal. You also make us laugh every day- never change!

## Year 3

### Gymnastics

This half term in PE we have been practising our gymnastic skills. We have enjoyed learning how to backward roll, balance in high and low positions and we have even practised teddy bear rolls. We build on our routines week by week and we are super excited to perform our final routines in our final week.



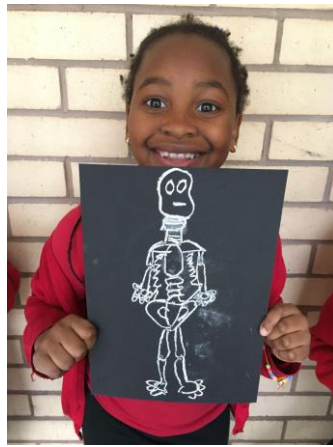
### Money on our minds!

In Maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting money. We used actual money to help us work out the total amounts before moving onto comparing different amounts.



### Skeletons and Muscles

In literacy we have started our new genre all about skeletons and muscles. We have been focusing on the Pangolin and have learnt many facts about them. In our experience lesson we looked at the various skeletons of an: elephant, pangolin, frog and a human. We used black card and white chalk to recreate some of these animals skeletons, which we are sure that you will agree, look super effective!



### Shout outs - Woodpecker

Thomas - You are making me so proud with your reading comprehension. You are now completing quizzes all on your own and getting 100% each time and giving guided reading questions a go independently. Keep it up Tom!

Holly and Annie - I was so proud of your 'Cloud in the Jar' writing you did last week. You both used sophisticated writing techniques. The whole class loved listening to your stories. Well done to both of you!

### Shout outs - Magpie

Franky- You made me incredibly proud of your Maths this week. You have got onto many challenges in your all of your work and supported people in your group too. Well done Franky.

Millie- For your outstanding 'Star and the Jar' writing. Millie you used sophisticated vocabulary and connected your sentences using the conjunction, although. Keep shining Millie you are amazing!

## Year 4

### PSHE- First Aid

Over the last few weeks, Year 4 have begun to learn about First Aid as part of our PSHE lessons. We have learnt about the importance of reacting in emergency situations and we have also learnt how we could help and support people who may find themselves in these situations. This week, we have taken this understanding further by beginning to deal with scenarios that have involved bleeding and burns. We cannot wait to learn more about first aid over the next few weeks in order to earn our certificates.



### Computing- Esafety

This half term, our computing topic has been based on e-safety and we have been learning about how to keep ourselves safe online. This week, we were focusing on bots and how they can have both positive and negative impacts on our lives now. We thought about our arguments to support the benefits of having bots before holding debates regarding their usefulness.



### History Live News Reports

In order to understand and explain why the Viking army invaded Britain and the UK, we went back in time and became live news reporters at the event. Not only did we report on the events that were happening around us but we were also able to interview some Viking raiders who could explain to us exactly why they chose to come to the UK.



### Shout outs - Owl

A huge shout out to Elsi- Leigh! Thank you so much for trying your hardest over the last few weeks, Elsi-Leigh! We have been blown away with how much you have been challenging yourself recently and you are really striving hard to improve wherever you can which is fantastic to see! Keep shining brightly, Elsi- Leigh!

A massive well done to Scarlett! You have been such a role model to the whole of Owls recently. We have been blown away with your handwriting transformation and you have consistently put 100% effort into everything you have completed. We are so proud of you, Scarlett! Well done.

### Shout outs - Osprey

Well done to Dillon! You have shown such amazing effort in your learning with fantastic participation in all lessons. You are always so keen to share your ideas and I am so proud of how much you are challenging yourself every day, particularly in maths! You are a superstar Dillon - keep being you!

Well done to Thomas! You have been doing so well in your learning and you are becoming more and more confident to work independently with your writing and guided reading. We are so proud of your efforts in your learning and your reading is so fantastic! Keep being amazing, Thomas!

## Year 5

### Science experiments

We have been looking at reversible and irreversible reactions as part of their science topic. We loved watching the vinegar react with the bicarbonate soda and used a balloon to show the gas given off as part of the reaction.



### Invention challenge

Year 5 were challenged to create a waterproof material as part of their science unit. We set to work testing different materials to ensure that our coat would be both waterproof and warm. We then layered different materials to create an ideal sample.



### Tree investigators

This week Year 5 have been investigating different trees as part of their nature and danger curriculum. We learned how to age a tree by its height and circumference using our knowledge of maths, triangles and measuring. We also discovered the names of trees by looking at the clues available to us.



### Shout outs - Kites

Aaron - you always try your best and you have impressed me with your determination and resilience this week when being faced with a challenge! I am very proud of you and we are so lucky to have you in our class. Well done Aaron.

### Shout outs - Falcons

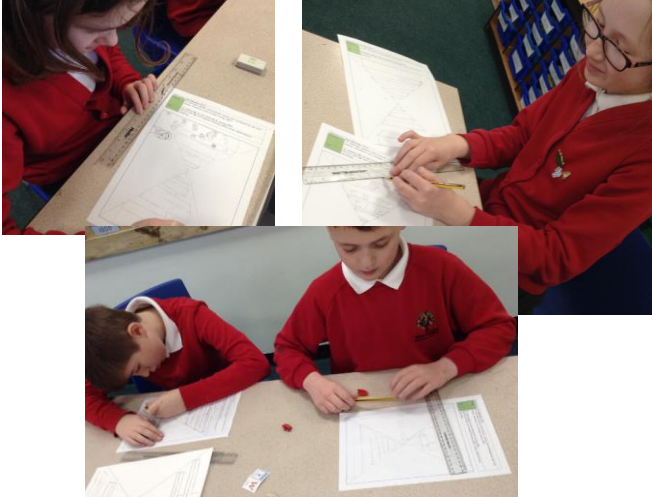
Noah M - Noah you have settled into Falcon's class amazingly well over this last week and you have already become such a popular member of our team. We are so lucky to have you and can't wait to spend the rest of Year 5 getting to know you.



## Year 6

### Blitz Perspective Art

We have been learning about The Blitz in our WW2 History topic. From this, we have created perspective artwork showing the effects of the Luftwaffe bombings, before and after.



### Musical storm

In English, we were writing a narrative based on Kensuke's Kingdom. To help immerse us in the story, we created a musical storm, using a range of instruments.



### YoYo Workshops

As part of our RE, we are lucky to have the YoYo team teach us about Christianity and why the bible is so significant to the Christian faith. We really enjoyed playing 'Find the Verse' - it was tricky with 66 books and two testaments!



### Shout outs - Eagles

Charlie W - Thank you for always arriving in school with a huge smile on your face. It's really infectious and makes us all feel happy each morning. You are making so much progress in your work as you're applying yourself in every lesson. Well done - keep it up!

### Shout outs - Hawk

Summer B - I am really impressed by the progress you are making and how hard you work in each and every lesson. I am also enjoying seeing you become more confident and seeing your smile during the day. Well done!

### Shout outs - Harrier

Min - I was very impressed with your English independent writing - you used a range of punctuation and your ideas were wonderful. You are making great progress with your handwriting and I am so proud of how hard you are trying.

### Diary Dates

10th February	Year 1 local area trip
16th February	Year 2 city sightseeing trip
21st to 25th February	Half term
4th March	Teacher training day
Fri 11th March - Sun 13th March	Robinwood residential (Y5/6)

### PE Kit expectations

Sport is a core value at Woodthorpe and our PE lessons are a really important part of our curriculum. Please make sure your child is ready to join in, by ensuring they have the correct PE kit with them. Our PE kit consists of the following items:

- Plain, white t-shirt
- Black shorts or leggings
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Dark coloured jumper and jogging bottoms

For safety reasons, hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed. Your child will be asked to wear spare kit if theirs isn't in line with our school expectations.

Pictured are examples of our kits for warmer and cooler weather throughout the year.

If you have any questions about PE kit, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our school office.



### Woodthorpe wrap-around care

We are delighted to be able to offer full wraparound support for our families. This starts from 7.50am and continues until 5:45pm daily. Our offer includes care for all of our children, from nursery to year 6. *Nursery pupils must book wraparound care sessions through the nursery as, due to the childcare funding, they receive, the charges are different.*

**Breakfast Club:** (7.50-8.50am) **£4/session £3/siblings.** Children have a wide range of breakfasts and also have the chance to play games with their friends or take part in a morning physical activity to really help wake them up.

**After School Club** (3.15-5.45pm) **£8/session £7/sibling.** At after school club, children start the session by having a snack and completing a 'circle' activity. From this, pupils then have the option to complete activities with their friends, take part in physical activities or relax with a book or film.

**If you are interested in our wrap-around care options, please pop into the office and ask for our wraparound care administrator, Caroline Young.**

### Childminders

Within our local area there is also a number of Ofsted registered childminders, a full list of these are available via the YorOK website: <http://www.yor-ok.org.uk/families/Childcare/childcare.htm>

The school also holds an up-to-date list of local childminders who are able to offer 15 and 30 hours care, please contact the school directly for this information.

### Support Via the Pupil Premium

Given the difficult times and changes to people's circumstances. If you feel that you might be eligible to claim 'Pupil Premium' for your child, we will be able to support you with items such as school uniform, breakfast club and daily school meals etc... Please email our school office

([woodthorpe.primary@york.gov.uk](mailto:woodthorpe.primary@york.gov.uk)) or call her in person to discuss 01904 806464. **You will need to currently be in receipt of one of the following:**

- Universal Credit, (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit

A run-on of Working Tax Credit – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

### Digital Parenting

As a school, we are always keen to promote online safety and would like to share the following website – where you can access the latest copy of the Digital Parenting magazine and many other additional resources regarding internet safety:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting>

For further information and support, please do not hesitate to contact our school office.



**The Platinum Pudding Competition**



The winning pudding will be an important part of the celebrations marking Her Majesty's 70 years as Monarch. The creator of the winning pudding will be invited to be at the centre of the celebrations.

It would be great to see Woodthorpe getting involved. Feel free to share your creations on our social media (or ask someone on your behalf if you dont have access)



**To take part follow the link at:**  
<https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>

*Good Luck*

*Closing date 4th Feb*