

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope it has been a great week for you all, though, if you are anything like me, I am sure the sudden cold weather has not been very welcome! Please read on for this week's round up of information and reminders. You will also see a weekly showcase of different year group's learning going forward. This week, year 2 and year 6 will be sharing.

Parent Survey

Our parent survey is now live!

Please click on the link here: <https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/fV8GtS>

This survey is your chance to have your say on Thorpe Primary Academy. Please tell us what you love about our school and what we could do better. I want parents and our community to be at the heart of what we do here at Thorpe, so your comments and feedback are really valued.

Times Tables Rockstars Tournament

We held a two-week tournament for Key Stage 2, to see which classes from year 3 to year 6 were the most committed and engaged with their Times Tables Rockstars - as we know that times tables fluency is so important to developing our maths knowledge.

The winners in week 1 were 6 Ibbotson, who managed to achieve an amazing 149,363 correct answers as a class! A special mention to Hassan, who managed 62,956 correct answers - what a fantastic achievement! In week 2, the winners were 5 Dahl, with 41,060 correct answers, with Mahrosh topping the leaderboard with 11,083. Excellent work!

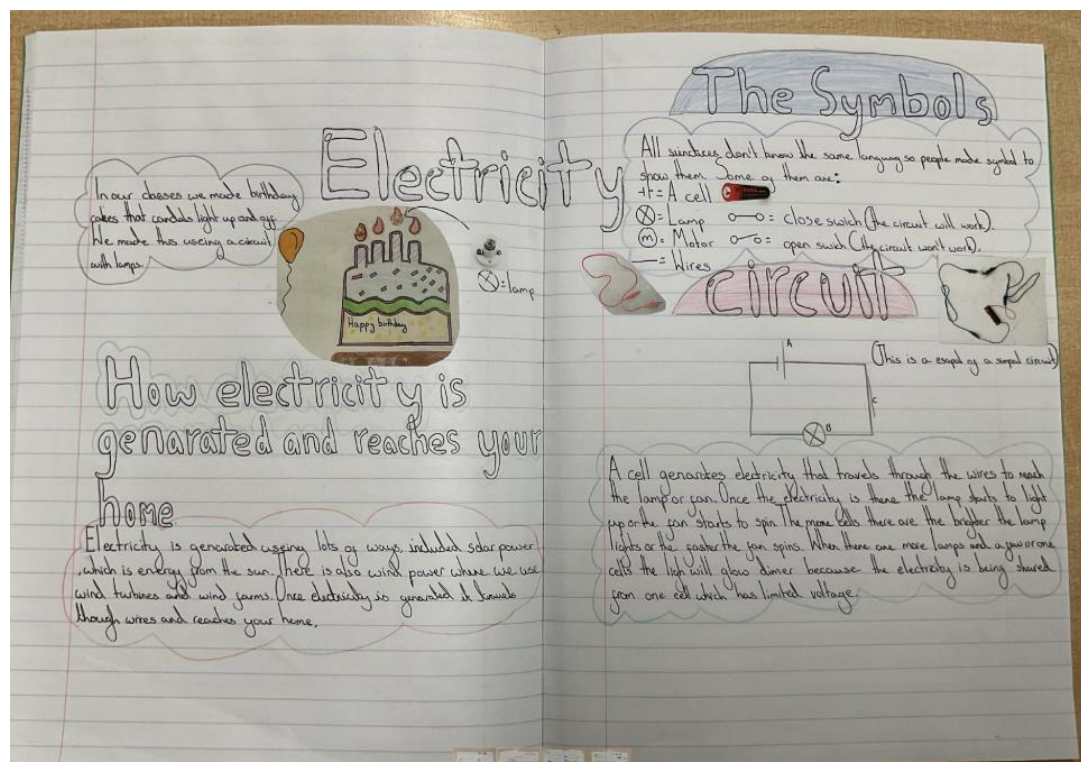
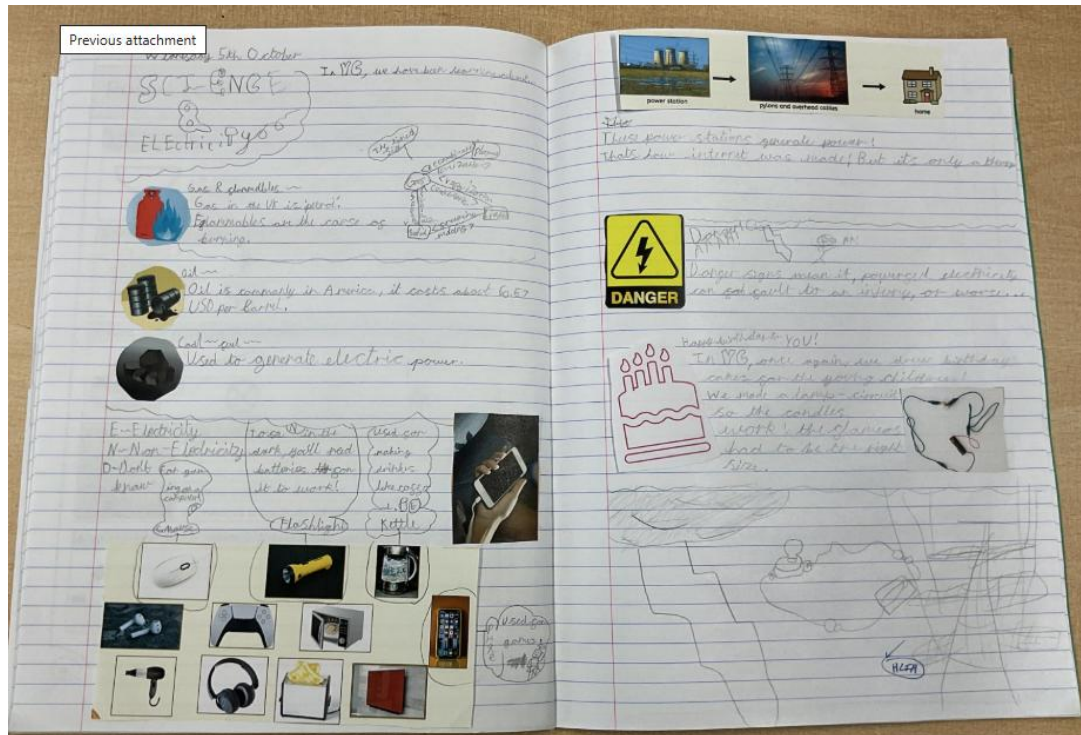
To celebrate, the two winning classes were treated to some hot chocolate - I was more than happy to join them for this! I am looking forward to seeing the results of the next tournament.

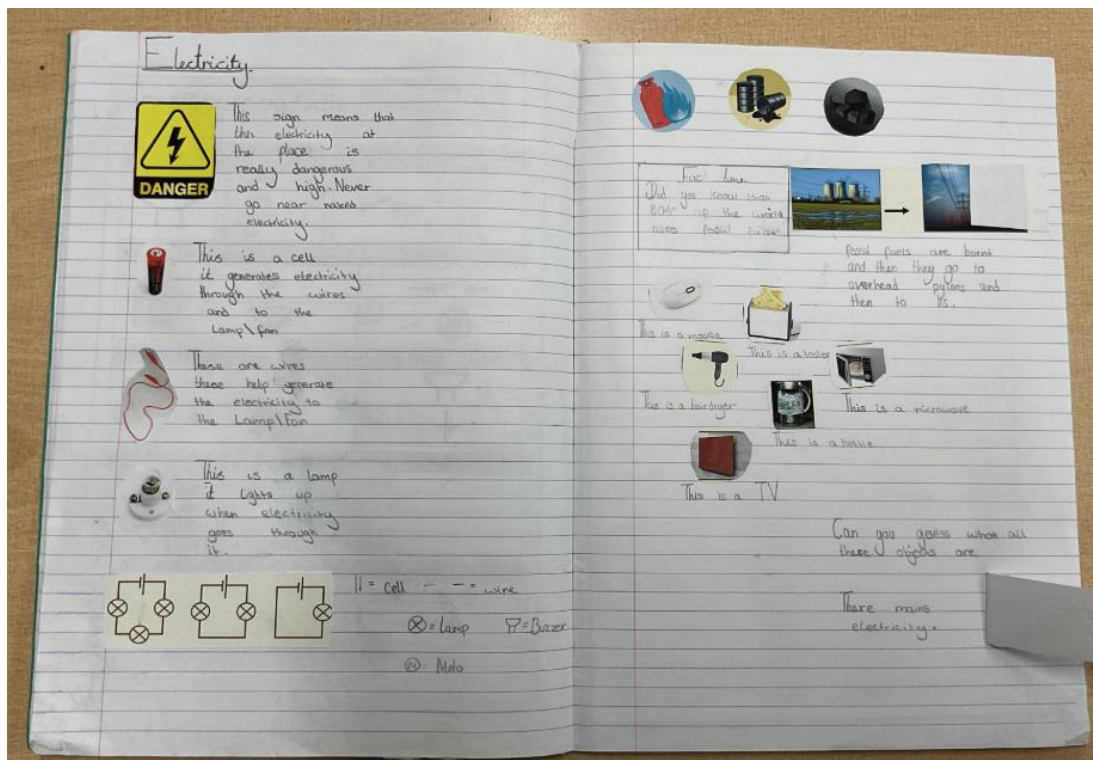
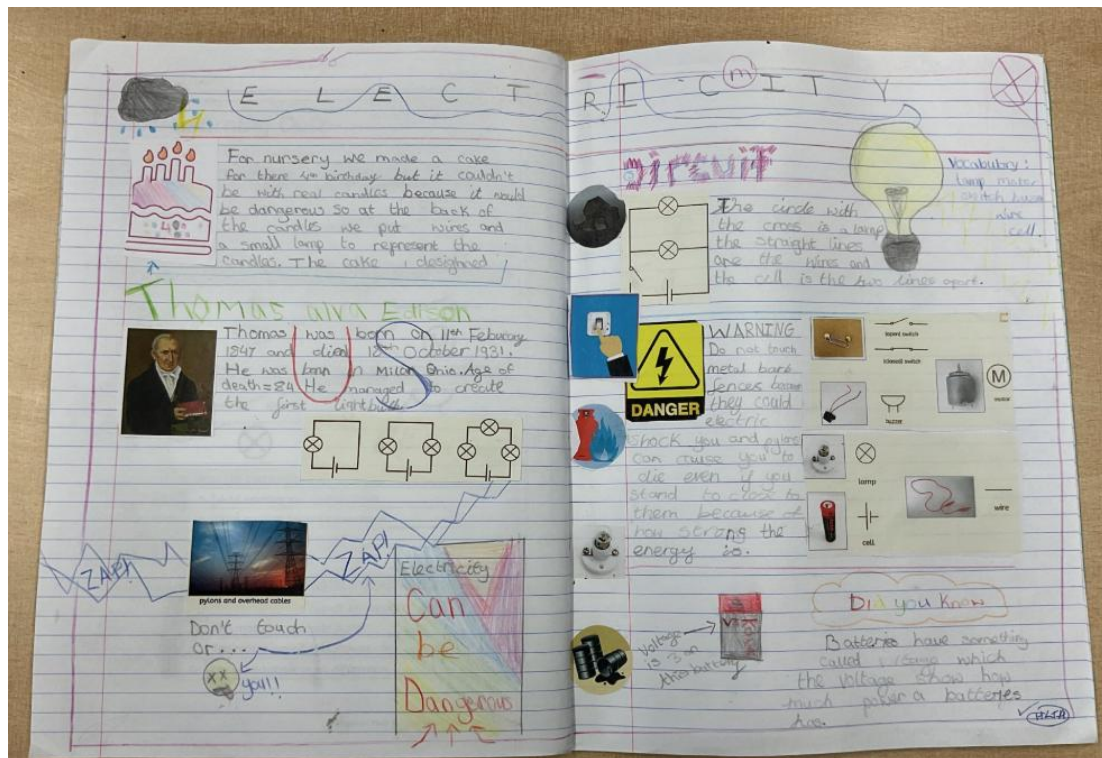
Please remind children to complete their times table games every week (and maybe next time it will be their class who are the winners).



Year 6 Science

Our Year 6 classes have been 'buzzing' with excitement as they explored electricity. They built different circuits and investigated how to make bulbs shine brighter, working like real scientists to test their ideas. They also learnt about how electricity is generated and the journey it takes before it reaches our homes. To celebrate their learning, the children created fantastic double-page spreads filled with diagrams, explanations and key facts. Here are some of them from Zara (6B), Willow (6B), Ojaswi (6I) and Serine (6I).





Year 2 Writing

Year 2 went on a visit to the local church as part of their R.E. learning and the children wrote a recount of their trip. Here are some examples from the following children: Vakaris, Esa A, Layina and Aadam A.

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Last term we walked around Netherton. First we lined up with our ~~partner~~ partners and we listened to the the teachers! Next we visited St Andrews church and it was peaceful. Then we crossed the road so we had to be be safe. After that we went to the post box because we wanted to take a photo. Finally we saw the flats and the trees. The wind was cheeky! The wind was very cheeky! I liked touching the electric piano because it was black my favourite colour. I disliked the noise because it was not my favourite! /

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Last term we walked around Netherton. First we lined up in the classroom. Next we walked to the church. Then we went inside the church. After that we crossed the road. Later we saw some colourful shops. Finally we came back to Thorpe Primary Academy and I had some bananas and pears. I liked colouring with colouring pencils because I liked looking at different colours. I disliked the weather and when I walked about! /

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First ~~we~~ lined up and we walked to St Andrews church. Next we visited the tallist church on phant Erth because we wanted to learn about christianty. Then we crossed the road because we wanted to go back to Thorpe primary Academy. After that we saw the shops and it had a very big door. Finally we saw the post box. The weather was very cold. I disliked the shops because ~~it~~ they were cold. I liked the church because we get to

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First we lined up and we were straight in a line. Next we visited the church and we did ^{activities} active time. Then we crossed the road and Mrs Bates was on the road to be safe. After that we saw the post box but there were no letters. Finally we went to school and we saw flats. The weather was windy because it was cold. I liked the flats but my aunt was ~~not~~ there. I disliked the post box because it was ~~not~~ rusty.

Year 6 Police Visit

Year 6 had a fantastic visit from PC Ronnie and PC Martha, who came to talk to them about the dangers of knife crime and how to make safe choices. They explained the laws and consequences in a way that the children could understand, and they had the chance to ask lots of questions. Year 6 also learnt about Knife Amnesty Week and found out who we can talk to if they were ever worried or need help. It was a really interesting and important session that reminded them of how they can help to keep our Thorpe community safe.



Key Dates Coming Up:

With 4 weeks to go until the end of the term (can you believe how quickly this term has gone?), please see some key dates for upcoming events:

Date	Event
Monday 24 th – Thursday 27 th November	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 8 th December	Reception Nativity 14.00
Tuesday 9 th December	Reception Nativity 09.30
Thursday 11 th December	Year 2 Nativity 14.00
Thursday 11 th December	Flu Vaccination (2 nd Session)
Friday 12 th December	Year 2 Nativity 09.30
Monday 15 th December	Panto (details below)
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	Last day of term for children – 13.00 finish
Friday 19 th December	School closed to children
Monday 5 th January	School closed to children
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school

Reminders:

Reception & Year 2 Nativity

We would love for you and your families to join us for the upcoming nativities (dates below). Letters have gone out to classes with a link to booking tickets and information explaining the timings.

Reception – book tickets here: [Reception 'Our first Nativity' Performance](#)

- Monday 8th December at 14.00 in the large hall.
- Tuesday 9th December at 09.30 in the large hall.

Year 2 – book tickets here: [Year 2 Nativity Performance 'It's a Miracle'](#)

- Thursday 11th December 14.00 in the large hall.
- Friday 12th December at 09:30 in the large hall.

Panto

We are very pleased to again be offering children an opportunity to see the pantomime at The Cresset. This is not a class visit, but a trip open to any child in KS1 and KS2 (Years 1 - 6). This year the performance will be Beauty and the Beast. **The children will be going to see the performance on Monday 15th December 2025.** The performance will take place in the morning and is expected to last for approximately 2 hours. Children will be back for lunch. The total cost of this visit will be £16 per child. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, we are offering a 50% discount of the price which makes the cost £8 per child. Payments and permission must be made on ParentPay.



Reception Tours for Prospective Parents

These will take place on Thursday 11th December at 8:45 am

Parent Shout Outs

If your child's teacher or another member of staff has gone above and beyond, I would love to hear from you. Please click here: <https://forms.office.com/e/6r5w1yxP8F>

All the best and have a wonderful weekend,

Mr J Parkhouse
Headteacher