

Newsletter – Friday 23rd January 2026

Next week's menu is Week 1



Celebrations!



All Stars

Very well done to the following children who received an Allstar nomination this week:

Be Proud – Tristan, Aoun

Be Kind and Caring – Robyn

Reach High – Alia, Joshua,

Monster Points

A huge Well Done to the following children:



25 Monster Points:

Niklaus, Lilly

50 Monster Points :

Dhiyaan, Christopher, Thomas, Yuwan, Joshua, Maely, Nolan Gabriel, Rudy, Salma, Yassin, Eva

75 Monster Points: Hope, Aoun

100 Monster Points: Lyla, Letti, William, Emeliya-Rose

Rainbow Reading Awards



Well done to the following children for all the reading at home



Red: Cooper, Harrison, Mantraa, Rudy

Orange: Cooper, Thea, William, Elizabeth



Attendance

Congratulations to Owl Class for 100% attendance last week!

Year 2 School Trip:

Please remember to give consent and contribute on parentpay for the Year 2 school trip to Bosworth Battlefield.

Number Day:

On Friday February 6th we will be supporting Number Day by completing some fun and exciting Maths activities in school. The children can come to school dressed in clothes that have numbers on.

National Year of Reading

As this year is the National Year of Reading our friends at Creative Learning Services have recommended a monthly newsletter which promotes great new books for ages 5-11 years. Please click on the link if you'd like to find out more.

[**MORE THAN BOOKS P Jan/Feb 2026**](#)

Inclusion Monitoring

For the last two weeks we have been monitoring how we are including everyone in everything we do at school. We have found some really positive results and that our children are catered for really well regardless of differences they may have. This is definitely something for us to celebrate!

Everyone's Welcome

This term we have launched our new inclusion programme 'Everyone's Welcome'. Please have a look at the website to find out about the first book we have looked at each in year group. [Thorpe Acre Infant School - 'Everyone's Welcome'](#)

Dates for your diary:

Friday 6th February – Number Day

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February – Height and Weights – EYFS

Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February - **HALF TERM**

Monday 23rd February - INSET Day (**School Closed to Pupils**)



Spotlight on Learning

Year R

Maths: We have been embedding our learning around the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We have been looking at different representations of the numbers and using these to help us think about how they are made. For example: 3 plus 3 equals 6, but so does 4 plus 2.

English: Throughout the week, we have been learning about what it might be like to live in a cold place e.g. what clothes we might need to wear and what animals we might see. The children really enjoyed learning about how animals in the Arctic keep warm. We learnt some great words like 'camouflage' and 'blubber'.



Year 1

Year 1 have completed their Big Writes following their story maps based on the *Lost and Found* story. They have really enjoyed writing a longer story and finished off the unit by watching the film of *Lost and Found* together.

In Maths, the children have been adding numbers to 20 using their knowledge of number bonds, and learning how to count on.

In Geography they have been comparing the Antarctic to the Sahara Desert and found out that there are lots of things that are the same, but also lots of differences. Why not ask your child to explain them to you?

They have really enjoyed Music this week, making rhythmic patterns as a group.

Year 2

This week Year 2 have been writing their "lost and found" stories based on *The Storm Whale*. They have edited their stories and have begun publishing them, focusing carefully on their handwriting and presentation.

In Maths, we have completed our work on money by finding ways to make £1, finding change from £1 and solving problems involving money.

In Science, we were exploring our school woodland habitat and focusing on microhabitats to see what kind of animals lived there. We rolled logs, looked under rocks and in the grass and bushes. Due to the wet weather, we found LOTS of slugs and worms but also found centipedes, woodlice and beetles.

In Geography, we focused on comparing weather and climates from here in the UK to Brunei. We used the terms 'temperate' climate (mild and damp) to describe the UK, 'tropical' (wet and warm) to describe Brunei and we also talked about 'polar' climates (cold and dry). We located different climates on a world map.

In DT, we have designed a small bag that could be for a child in Kampong Ayer. The children chose images that represented the water village and we will be sewing together our bags in the next few weeks!