



July 2022

Newsletter



Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to a new academic year at Longthorpe - we hope you all managed to have a great summer with your children!

We welcome our new, dedicated staff members officially to the team, who have been working hard with colleagues to get to know our ways of working at Longthorpe. The children have settled well into learning with their new classes / teachers which has been great!

We are working very hard this year on improving some key areas, including, areas we identified during our inspection last term. The new SENDCo team have already made changes and is determined to improve some areas of our provision - we look forward to working with you on this.

We are also continuing our development of Oracy teaching, looking into research about approaches to raise standards in writing, as well as developing the assessment and provision of some foundation area subjects.

We look forward to working in partnership with you this year, to build on the existing strengths at Longthorpe.

Yours faithfully

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Meet our Longthorpe SENDCO Team

Clare Harlow (née Andrews)

Congratulations to Clare on your recent marriage!
Clare's working days are Thursdays and Fridays,



Becky Birch

Becky's working days are Tuesday to Thursday.



DID YOU KNOW?.....



Our school is linked to the Mental Health Support team which provides support for parents of children who are presenting with mild anxiety or behavioural issues. The team work with parents to support parents to identify goals in relation to their child and develop techniques to manage worry or behaviour that may have become challenging at home. The service is free and confidential and you can be referred via the Mental Health lead in school. Please speak to Caroline Beeby if you have any issues in relation to your child's wellbeing, who will then consider whether a referral to the Mental Health Support team would be appropriate.

Plans to attract pollinators as part of Peterborough's B-Lines.

With help from PECT and the Rotary Club, we hope to attract pollinators to our school field next year, by planting a wildflower strip.

During the summer, as some of you may have noticed, a strip of turf on the school field was lifted. Wild flower seed bombs will be sown along the strip by classes this term with the aim of creating a beautiful wildflower border next spring.

To find out more, go to <https://www.pect.org.uk/projects/b-lines/> where you can see some of the preparation in progress!

This is the first of hopefully a number of projects to enhance our outdoor spaces and we would like to thank the members of Peterborough Ortons Rotary Club, organised by Clive Doubleday, and Tony Cook from PECT for their time and hard work on a hot summer day!

If you would be interested in volunteering to help with any future gardening projects, should the need arise, or you can donate plants/seeds/compost, please pass your name and details to the office, who will pass them on to Mrs Theakstone.



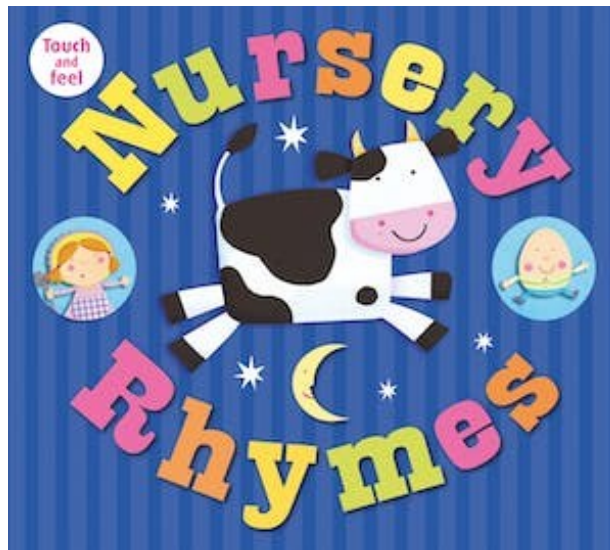
Reception



Reception are now in school full time and have settled in extremely well. We love seeing the children's independence grow as they walk through the school gates, please help us to continue this by encouraging them in the morning and their independence at home.

We have been looking at an 'All About Me topic' over the past few weeks and talking about ourselves and families and what makes us different.

We will soon begin a nursery rhyme topic where we are looking forward to dressing up as our favourite nursery rhyme character on **Thursday 20th October.**



Please ensure all children's clothing is named, including t-shirts and trousers etc and that PE kit is in school at all times. This will be returned at the end of the half term.

Year 1

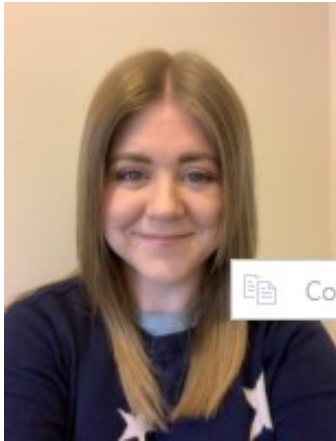
Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the new year and they have shown themselves to be fantastic learners and are raring to go! We are learning about superheroes both in book and real life and thinking about if anyone could be a superhero.



We also had lots of fun making and eating delicious and healthy fruit kebabs and wrote some fantastic instructions on how to make them.



Year 2



My name is Mrs Cook and I work full time in Year 2 Adventurers class. This is my 14th year teaching, my 8th year working in year 2. I have a degree in history as well as my education qualification and consider this a passion, having visited most of the museums in London and the cities across England!

I live with my husband Chris and my two cats, Priscilla and Kruger. I am an avid reader and love live music. I am also a big crafter and enjoy sewing, jewellery making and felting. Since being diagnosed with Coeliac disease 11 years ago I have also enjoyed exploring the realm of gluten free baking.

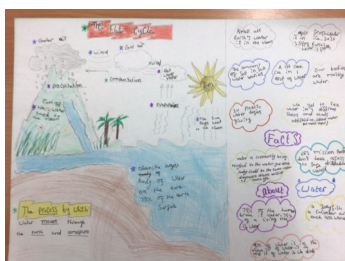
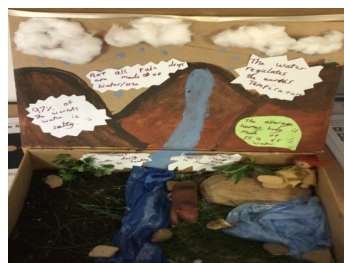
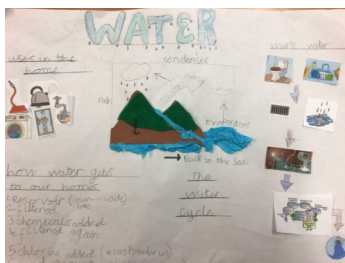
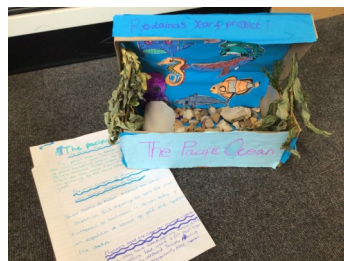
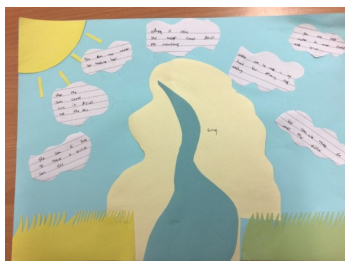
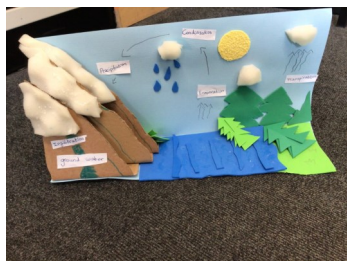
Year 3

The children in Year Three are writing a narrative about Little Red Riding Hood, so today we went for an 'immersion walk' in and around the trees near school. We felt the twigs under our feet and saw branches as twisted as witch's fingers! We have brought some twigs and leaves back to help us with our creative writing.

We are really enjoying learning about the Stone Age and how life was so different for children back then. We need to decide whether we are going to go back in the time machine to visit the Stone Age!

Year 4

In Year 4 we started the term off by sharing the children's water projects that they had made over the summer. We were very impressed with the amount of effort the children put into them. Here are a few examples.



Year 5

Year 5 have started learning about space considering the question "Are we in the centre of the universe?"

This has lent itself to geographical work about hemispheres and a cosmic story.

The children are very inquisitive, which is key to learning.

Some children are keen to be school council representatives and have been preparing speeches before voting.

Year 5 are also looking forward to getting their iPads next week.

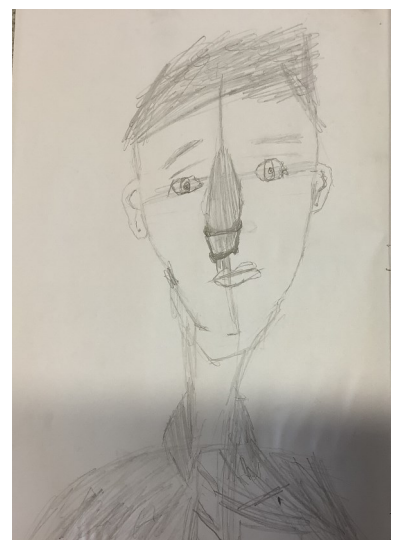
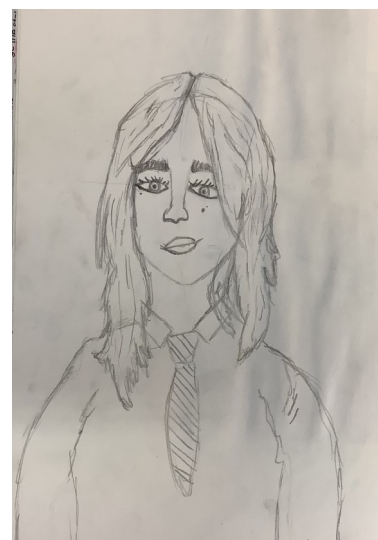
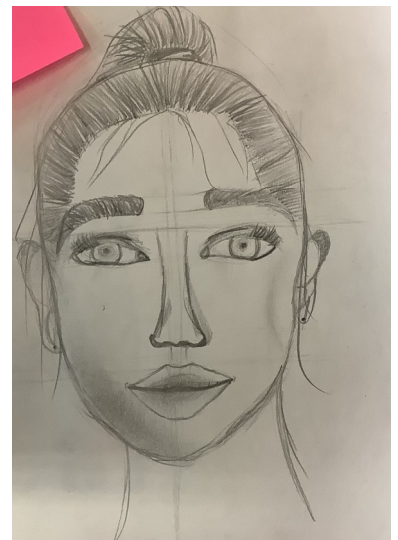
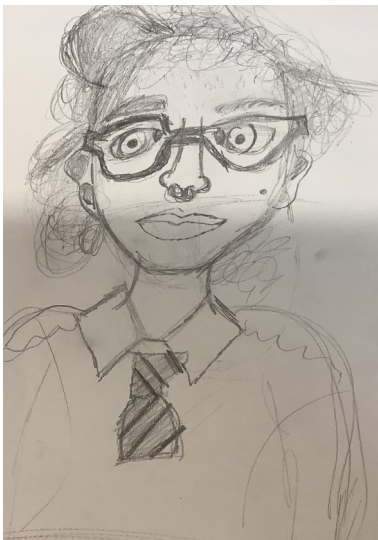


Year 6

Self-Portraits

Year 6 have been honing their drawing skills, by creating self-portraits.

They considered proportion and focused carefully on facial detail to create unique pieces. A 'pop up' gallery allowed them to show appreciation for each other's work, when one portrait was compared to the style of Modigliani. See if you can work out which one or recognise any of the Year 6 artists!



Term Dates:

SUMMER TERM 2022	
Opens	Tuesday 19th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May
Half Term	Friday 27th May - Friday 3rd June (Inclusive)
Ends	Thursday 21st July (Finish 1pm)
AUTUMN TERM 2022	
Opens	Monday 5th September
Half Term	Friday 21st October - Friday 28th October (Inclusive)
Ends	Wednesday 21st December (Finish 1pm)
SPRING TERM 2023	
Opens	Wednesday 4th January
Half Term	Monday 13th February—Friday 17th February
Ends	Friday 31st March (Finish 1pm)
SUMMER TERM 2023	
Opens	Tuesday 18th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May
Half Term	Friday 26th May—Friday 2nd June (Inclusive)
Ends	Wednesday 19th July (Finish 1pm)

Dates for your diary:

- * Sunday 2nd October 2022 —Friday 7th October 2022—**Year 6 Blue Peris Trip**
- * Monday 31st October 2022 - **Flu Vaccinations**
- * Wednesday 2nd November 2022—**School Individual Photos**
- * Wednesday 1st February 2023— **Deadline for Bikeability consent forms**
- * Monday 19th June 2023—**Thursday 22nd June 2023– Year 6 Bikeability**