

# Thwaites School – Half-Termly Newsletter - Autumn

## An Introduction

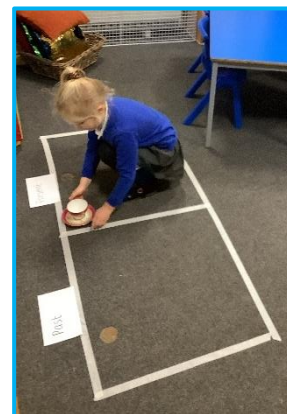
Hello and welcome to our second newsletter of the 2024/2025 academic year. Can you believe the first term of this year is over already? This half-term the children have been enjoying wonderful learning experiences whilst also practising for the school play, getting ready for the carol service, tucking into Miss. Fry's delicious Christmas lunch and partying in the school hall.



## Class One

In Class One this half-term, the children have been enjoying the theme 'Bonfire and Fireworks'. The learning has been based on the gunpowder plot and the children have really enjoyed exploring the reasons behind the plot and the people involved. They have created wonderful firework art, made the Guy for the Village Hall bonfire and created a dance in PE based on the plot.

In computing children have been discovering the technology around them and in science they have been learning all about materials and their properties, building a house for the three little pigs out of tested materials.



## Class Two

The theme in Class Two this half-term has been, 'All Around the World'. The children have enjoyed the book, 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' and have written persuasive letters to the main character. They have made clay-headed puppets in the style of Paul Klee and developed geographical skills as they have learnt about the world. In science the children have been discovering the different states of matter, with the help of a visit from Unit-3.

In computing, the children have been developing their coding skills by building and debugging algorithms to create an online multiplication quiz and in PE they have developed a dance based on the Rainforest.

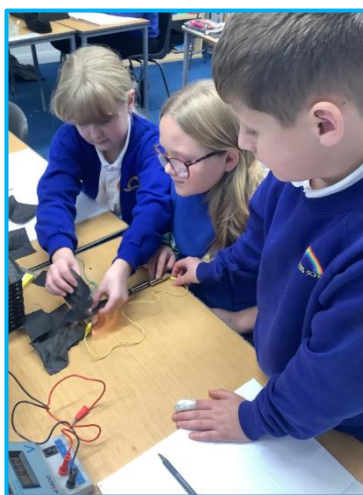




### Class Three

In Class Three this half-term, the children have been enjoying the theme 'Christmas'. They have read the book, 'A Boy Called Christmas' and written narratives based on the story. In RE they have been learning about the story behind Christmas and in DT the children designed and made Christmas sandwiches, cookies and hot chocolate which they served at a special Christmas afternoon tea.

In computing, the children have been learning how computers can be connected through networks and in science they have been developing their knowledge of electricity. Finally, in PE the class have been honing their basketball skills which they had the chance to put to the test at a basketball competition at the Recreation Centre. More on that later.



### Class One Science Day

This half-term the children in Class One have been working hard to collect table crystals. Each time a table earns 10 crystals, Mrs Huddleston puts a star in a jar. The children filled the jar last week and enjoyed a science day with Unit 3. They had a great time, moving around lots of different fun science activities involving rocket cars, balloons and optical illusions. They are now looking forward to filling the jar again so that they can enjoy a play day.



### Remembrance Day

We marked Remembrance Day at school with the Year One and Two children creating a variety of poppy based art with members of the BAE workforce. The children made pointillism poppies and their own recycled paper before enjoying a Remembrance Day book. They finished the morning making hand-print butterflies to spread a message of peace. The whole-school then attended an assembly delivered by ex-servicemen and women, during which they learnt about remembrance and armistice. The children then observed a period of silence at 11:00am on November 11<sup>th</sup> as an opportunity to reflect on those who have fought and died in conflict.



## Sport at Thwaites School

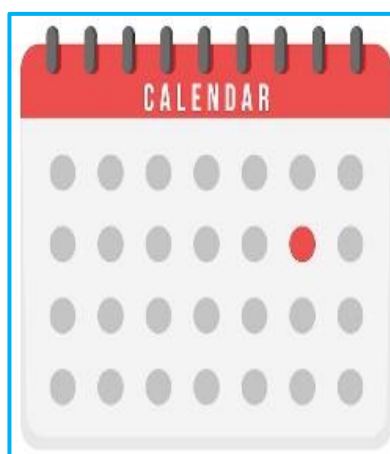
This half-term we have attended a multitude of sporting events, performing well at them all. First, the children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended a cross-country competition at Black Combe Junior School. All of the children gave it their best and three managed to win a place in the final, hosted at Sedbergh Prep School in January. Next, years 5 and 6 enjoyed a morning of basketball at the Recreation Centre in Millom and finally, years 3 and 4 took part in a rapid-fire cricket event, again at the Recreation Centre. At all the events, the children did Thwaites proud, not just through their determination, teamwork and resilience, but also through their fantastic behaviour.



### Dates for Your Diary – Details will follow closer to each date if necessary

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Back to School
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for half-term
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Break up for Easter

I know this looks a bit sparse but I'm sure more dates will be added as the term goes on.



### Thank You

As always, we would like to wish all of our Thwaites families a huge thank you for your ongoing support.

## Christmas Production

The Christmas production, 'The Greatest Snowman' was a huge success. The Village Hall was the perfect venue, as blue lights created an icy atmosphere for the snowman tale. The children were brilliant and did Thwaites School proud. A huge well done to the children, a huge thank you to Mrs. Huddleston and the staff for bringing it together and a huge thank you to Mrs. Barrow for organising the 50/50 raffle, won by the very lucky Miss. Jordan. The raffle raised £161 for the school fund. Thank you to all family and friends who made it to the show. I'm sure you'll agree, it was a great night.

