



THOMAS FAIRCHILD

newsletter

Friday 10th February, 2023

Headteacher's Message

Dear Families,

This term all of our children have impressed us so much with their hard work, resilience and creativity! Thank you for your continued support at home and for regularly talking to your children about their learning. They are so proud of their work and the new skills they develop every day.

Geography, music and writing have been a big focus for us over this term. There are some photos and captions celebrating the children's success on the next page. Next term the focus will shift to history. The children's new topics will be:

Year 1: The Great Fire of London

Year 2: Marvellous Medics

Year 3: Ancient Egypt

Year 4: Anglo Saxons

Year 5: The Greeks

Year 6: Building the Past

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break. See you on the 20th February!

News & Celebrations

Reading Teas

Thank you to all the parents who have attended our 'reading teas' this term. They are such a great opportunity to get children excited about reading.

PGL

The year 6 children have had a fantastic week at PGL and have made us so proud. For photos and videos, do check out Twitter [@msjfarley](https://twitter.com/msjfarley).

Comic Book Club

Children have loved our new comics and graphic novels! It has been wonderful to see children so excited to borrow the next story.

Visit from Hackney Education on 10th February

Jason Marantz, the Assistant Director of Education, was delighted with the school's progress and the high expectations observed in classrooms. The children really impressed him with their knowledge of topics and enthusiasm for learning.

Coming Up

- Monday 20th February 2023
Travelling Book Fair begins
- Wednesday 22nd February
Young Hackney Y5 & 6 This Girl Can Competition
- Friday 24th February 2023
Early Years Family Friday
- Wednesday 1st March 2023
Young Hackney Gymnastics Competition
- Friday 3rd March 2023
World Book Day

Meet the Team

This week we will find out about one of our members of staff who has been at TF for 9 years! Deena Varsani is a teaching assistant who supports children in class and also very importantly leads our reading boosters. Deena lives in east London with her two sons and enjoys travelling. She recently went to India where she loved Goa and the beaches. Deena also keeps busy and healthy by regularly going to the gym.



our learning

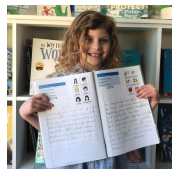
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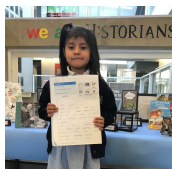
Congratulations to Samiya, Sonia and Bella who have been awarded their pen licence for amazing handwriting and presentation in their books.

We Are Writers

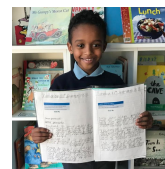
Year 1 have loved writing invitations for the little girl, in their class book 'My Hair.'



Year 2 have been writing to Sunny, the postcard sending Meerkat, in 'Meerkat Mail'. They are looking forward to his reply.

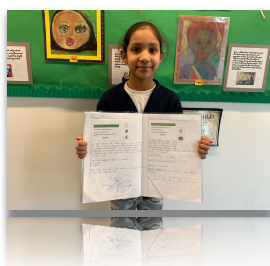


Year 3 have enjoyed Persuading the characters to leave their house haunted by wolves.



We Are Geographers

Years 4 & 5 have loved studying their exciting geography units this half term! Year 4 have been delving into the Earth itself to find out how volcanoes are formed. They have learnt about Mount Vesuvius and the impact of its eruption in 79AD. Year 5 have been learning all about biomes and the interconnected features of climate zones. Take a look at their wonderful writing!



Playground Friends

Our Playground Friends continue to support others at playtime. Some of their responsibilities include:

- Helping with creative, problem solving activities in their zones.
- Caring for our school environment by setting up and tidying away equipment.
- Helping children at the kindness tree find friends to play with.



We Are Scientists

This half term has been packed with learning for our budding scientists! Year 6 have been learning all about electricity - including electrical circuits and using scientific vocabulary accurately. Check out an example of our work below!



At home, why not ask us about our key vocabulary? **Volt, voltage, cells & circuit**

We Are Musicians

Years 3,4,5 and 6 have been busy this term learning to play the flute! The children have impressed us and the Hackney Music tutors with their talent and dedication.

