

Writing:

As writers, we will be learning to write a discussion text. This will involve balancing two sides of an argument, using formal language and tools to link our ideas. We will also learn to write a critique of a painting, linked to the Take One Picture project.

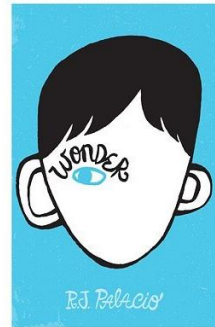
Maths:

As mathematicians, we will be continuing with finding the perimeter of shapes, then moving onto learning to understand fractions and decimals.

Reading

As readers, we will continue to work on our inference skills and ability to find evidence in a text. First, we will do this with 'Voices in the Park' by Anthony Browne, then move onto texts with more vocabulary to unpick.

Our class book will Wonder by R.J. Palacio. This is a lovely book with themes of friendship, inclusion and anti-bullying.



Music

This term, we will continue to take part in weekly Samba workshops. The children will be performing to parents on Tuesday 19th March at 2:45pm.

PSHE

In PSHE we will look at Healthy Me and learning how to stay healthy emotionally and physically, by making good choices.

Art

As artists, we will be taking part in the National Gallery's Take One Picture project. The focus painting is 'The Courtyard of a House in Delft' by Pieter de Hooch. We will learn about the painting and artist, then recreate our own artwork to submit to the gallery's competition.

Geography

Our geography lessons will be linked to the painting from our project with the National Gallery. This painting was set in Delft in the Netherlands; we will learn about its location in comparison with previous areas studied.



Science

As scientists, we will be learning about sound, how it is produced, how to muffle sound, how to amplify sound and how to create different pitches.

Religious Education

In our Religious Education lessons, we will learn about Easter, and specifically look at why Holy Week is important for Christians.

Physical Education

In our Real PE lessons, we will be working on our creative skills within PE, and the fundamental movement skills of 'sending and receiving' and 'counter balance with a partner'. We will apply this within hockey lessons.

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Routine

We welcome the children from 8:40am each morning. There is morning work set up each morning to begin learning time as soon as the children arrive in the classroom. If you would like to speak to a teacher in more detail, please feel free to make an informal appointment with the class teacher.

Snacks

Children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or healthy snack (such as a cereal bar) to eat at break time. No nut products please.

PE Kit

At Thorplands Primary School we value exercise highly. Regular exercise has a host of benefits, from keeping our pupils as healthy and fit as possible (not only now, but research shows that the benefits reach well into their adult lives) to having very positive effects on their mental health.

Our PE sessions take place every **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school on these days, but also on every day in case our timetable changes.

We also take part in other forms of exercise, such as marathon kids, regularly.

No child will be excused from our daily activity sessions unless for a medical reason that the school has been informed of. Please note that exercise sessions will take place as far as possible, whatever the weather, as fresh air and exercise are very important, so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing, especially as the weather has turned cold now.

How you can support at home: Home Learning and Reading

Reading:

Please make sure that your child reads at home at least 4 times per week. Reading to your child is also a great way to support their literacy. Children should re-read their books to build their prosody and understanding; please also ask them questions about what they have read to ascertain their understanding.

Pupils also have the opportunity to get another book from the school library. This will be any book they are keen to read and not necessarily at their reading level, as it will be a book that adults can read to them at home. These books can be changed as regularly as the child needs.

Mathematics:

To support the children's mathematical learning, there will be weekly homework give out on a Friday. There will also be optional tasks assigned on MyMaths and they will also be able to practise their times tables on TTRS. It is very important that they practise their times tables every day, as they will be unable to make progress in multiplication and division unless they are fluent in their times table facts. In Year 4 pupils will also be doing a national times table check at the end of the year.

Thank you for your support,

Year 4 Team