

NEWS LETTER



Welcome to Thrybergh's half termly Newsletter!
We aim to keep all parents informed and up to date with what's been happening in school.
Can you believe we are half way through the school year already? We celebrated NSPCC Numbers day last week and this week, we will hit our landmark 100th day of school.

FS1

FS1 learning has been focused around the topic 'What Makes A Good Pet?' this term and the children have loved learning about different types of animals and what pets we might have. They have also been introduced to phonics and have started to identify numbers in maths. Don't forget to check our website to see more about what the children have been learning this term!

Key Vocabulary and Definitions

The children have been learning some key vocabulary and definitions this term around the chosen topic. Pet, Habitat, Zoo and Globe are all words they have been learning.

Phonics and Reading

FS1 have been introduced to phonics and will learn the following sounds in this order:

s,a,t,p,i,n,m,d,g,o,c,k,e,u,r,h,b,f,l,j,v,w,x,y,z

Reading material has been focused on our pet themed topic and key texts are:

- Dear Zoo
- Rumble in the Jungle
- Great Pet Sale
- What Pet Should I Get?
- We're Going On A Lion Hunt

Maths

The children have started to identify numbers and will continue to learn to number 5 next term.

Science

Science learning this term has been about where animals live and their different habitats.

Understanding the World

The children have been learning about animals all around the world that you might find in a zoo. They have been asking the question, where do they come from? They have also been learning about pets and where they come from too.

Media

The children use printmaking skills to produce animal patterns and have been looking at William Morris animal prints for inspiration.



FS2

There has been lots happening in FS2 this half term and the children continue to impress us with their learning! We are looking forward to lots of new topics next term and we are hoping to host a 'Super' workshop for parents to come into school and get creative with the children. Foundation Stage also celebrated Chinese New Year this term, as part of their learning they sampled some traditional Chinese cuisine, worked collaboratively to make a class dragon and applied their fine motor skills to some of their art work.

Maths

In maths the children are still looking at the composition of numbers to 10. They are exploring number patterns and using our resources.

Reading, Phonics and English

Phonics sessions are taught daily in Foundation. They focus on blending and segmenting with our FS2 children. In English they have been reading stories based around the question 'Who is your hero?', and have a big push on writing and applying their phonic knowledge. Don't forget, we change reading books every Friday!

Science

The children learn about healthy and unhealthy foods, and the impact it has on healthy teeth. They will explore how to take care of a seed by giving it water and sunlight. They have also learned about some animals and their habitats.

History and Geography

The children will begin to study the area around them and find some of the key features in the local area. The class will continue to talk about the past and think about what homelife was like in during parents/grandparents childhood.

Art

The children will learn how to express our ideas and feelings by exploring a variety of artistic effects. Each half term will focus on a significant person. This half term it will be Piet Mondrian- abstract art.

Music

Music lessons are taught every Friday by our specialist WPT music teacher, Miss Hulbert. There will be lots of singing and as time goes on they will increasingly match the pitch and follow the melody.



YEAR 2/3

We are really proud of the progress the children have made this term in their learning! They have all been working so hard and have had such a positive attitude towards their new learning. Here is a little look at some of the curriculum your children have been learning about this term:

History

Year 2 have been learning about toys and how they have changed. They looked at toys from 50 years ago and Victorian toys to compare the similarities and differences. Year 3 have been learning about the Ancient Greek civilisation. They have been using a range of sources to aid them in gathering information from this period of time so that they can build a full picture of what life was like back in Ancient Greek times.

Science

Year 2 have been learning about electricity. They can identify objects that use electricity and know the sources of electricity too. They recently began to learn about forces. Year 3 have been learning all about solids, liquid and gases. They have conducted a very fun experiment where they investigated what temperature some materials needed to be heated to until they melted.

Geography

Year 2 have been learning all about Australia. They have looked at the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world and know that Australia is on the continent of Australasia. Year 3 have been learning all about the Polar Regions and Climate Change. They have been looking at how Climate Change affects our earth and its inhabitants.

English

Year 2 have been focusing on using their phonics to decode unfamiliar words and recognise more words on sight. In their writing lesson they wrote the story from another character's point of view trying to sequence their ideas in the correct order. Year 3 have most recently been learning all about poetry and how to perform a poem with expression. They have written their own poems in the style of a list and have performed it to the class.

Maths

Year 2 have moved on in their learning journey to multiplication and division. The children have been learning about equal groups and how to make these. Year 3 have recently finished their addition and subtraction learning. Within this they were learning how to add and subtract 3-digit numbers using a formal method.

PSHE

Year 2 and Year 3 have been learning all about what is a goal and how to achieve it. They have been taking part in thought provoking conversations about how achieving a goal might throw challenges in your way and how we might feel if this was to happen and how to overcome it. They have had a group project this term to create their own dream garden.

PE

Year 2 and Year 3 have been learning new skills that they will need to use to play basketball. These skills have included, chest passing, bounce pass and dribbling the ball. They have been working so hard developing their communication skills and are displaying acts of verbal support to their team mates and other groups.



YEAR 1/2

It's been an exciting half term in Year 1/2. The children have been working really hard on phonics and reading skills and making lots of progress. Each week, we award stickers for each read at home and once their chart is complete, they are awarded a certificate in assembly!

Maths

The children have focused on place value up to 20 and adding within 20. Those tricky teens numbers took some mastering, but they persevered until they got it!

Science

Learning has been all about materials this term. They've learned to say what an object is made from and sorted materials in lots of different ways. As this newsletter is being written, they are planning an experiment about keeping the gingerbread man dry by choosing the right material.

Geography

Year 1 have been learning about the Arctic and comparing the human and physical features with Thrybergh.

History

They have been learning about the history of transport. They have found out all about the Blucher and the Rocket. After the half term break, they will be having a trip on the heritage bus to the Rotherham Transport Museum to see how buses and other vehicles have changed through the years.

Computing

Mrs Khan has been teaching the children to use an app called 'Scratch Jr.'. They have learned how to make their sprite move around the screen, by choosing the elements of code and putting them into sequence.

Art

The children have been using clay to make a carved clay tile. They learned to wedge the clay to make sure the air bubbles are knocked out, then pancake it to make a flatter shape. Wooden guides were used to help roll the clay out smoothly before cutting out a shape. They used different materials to imprint patterns onto the tiles.

Music

The children started the term with learning about how music can show a mood. They heard some famous pieces of music such as Mars from the Planet Suite and drew pictures of how it made them feel. In the last few weeks, they have moved on to learning to play the xylophone, which is noisy but great fun!

PE

This term the children have been practising cheerleading and gymnastics. Miss Smith also brought the prize for Autumn 2's PE Star: Hala! We wonder who will be our winner for this half term...

Finally, this half term, the children will be saying 'Goodbye and Good Luck!' to Miss Reynolds, who has been with them since September, as she moves on to her next placement school. She'll be missed by the whole class and the staff team. Miss Cunningham will be joining the class after the February break and they are looking forward to getting to know her and making her part of the team too!

YEAR 4/5

Year 4 and Year 5 have been working hard across all areas of their learning. We have been so impressed with the progress the children have already made this term and we are positive this will continue throughout the term. We have some fantastic activities and projects planned this term that we are sure the children are going to love!

History

Year 4 are currently learning about the Ancient Greek civilisation that developed during the prehistoric period but was more technologically advanced than the civilisation living in Britain at that time. Year 5 are currently learning about the impact that World War 2 had on the people of Britain. They are using a variety of sources to learn about the impact of the Blitz on the lives of British people, focussing on Sheffield and the evacuation of children.

Science

Year 4 have been comparing and grouping materials together according to whether they are solid, liquid or gas. They also did an experiment to find out the temperature at which some materials changed state. Year 5 have been learning about gravity and performed a range of experiments to find out about the effects that air and water resistance have upon different objects. They will then move onto exploring circuits and what associates the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in a circuit.

Geography

Year 4 have been looking at the Polar Regions. They have been using mapwork and compass points to locate the Arctic and Antarctic on a world map. This unit has a focus on the key human and physical characteristics of a polar biome. Year 5 have been learning how to use complex six figure grid references to locate places of significance in South America. They are looking at the human and physical geography with a specific focus on the Andes mountain range. They will also discover how tourism and poverty have impacted on South America with a strong focus on equality and fairness.

PE

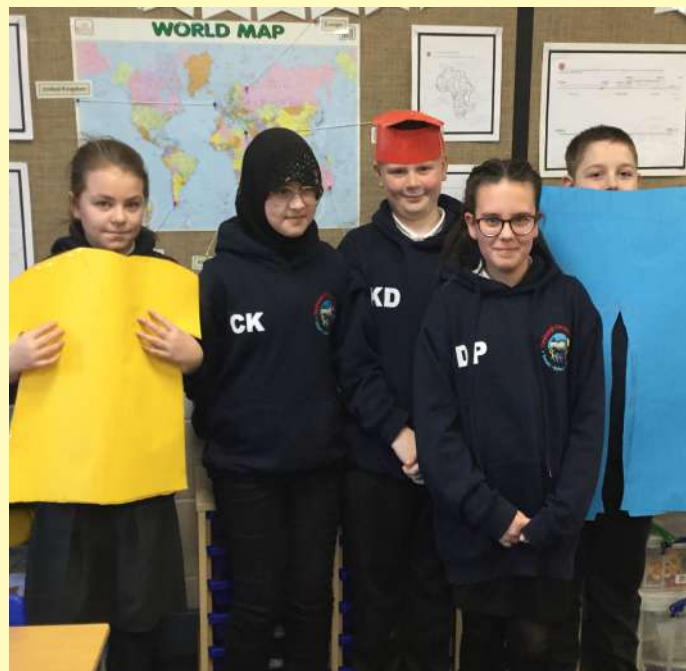
The children have been learning the skills needed to play a game of dodgeball. These have included learning how to grip and throw the ball and aim accurately, and how to dodge by ducking, jumping, and dodging. Next half term they will be exploring gymnastic skills.

Careers

The children take part in regular career assemblies looking at different career paths that they may choose as they get older. During our PHSE Jigsaw lessons this half term the children have spent a considerable amount of time researching careers. It was fascinating to hear the aspirations of the children. During PHSE the children have been learning how to set their own personal goals, as well as understanding their rights and responsibilities as a member of their school and their country.

Enrichment

The children all have the opportunity to begin to learn and understand how to play a musical instrument. This term the children are learning to play the ukulele, performing simple songs and tunes as a group. French is the language that the children have been learning and they are able to use the names of different subjects they study at school, follow simple classroom instructions and can have a conversation to ask how someone is.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been working extremely hard this term in all areas of the curriculum and they are really making some great progress. The spring term is always very busy with a wide variety of activities taking place.

History

They are currently learning about the impact that World War two had on the people of Britain. They have used a range of sources to learn about the impact of the Blitz in Britain and have learnt about the action taken during WW2 to protect Britain including the use of air raid shelters and blackouts. Soon they will be deciding whether Winston Churchill was an effective war time leader. They will also be learning about different aspects of life throughout Europe during the war and have a fantastic visit planned to the National Holocaust Centre.

Science

Science has been very exciting for this term. They have done lots of investigations into the effects of different forces including measuring the impact of falling objects to observe the force of gravity and making their own parachutes to explore air resistance. They will soon be moving on to learn about electricity and circuits where they will be using new snap circuit equipment.

Geography

Learning in Geography is all about South America. They have been closely looking at the location of the countries in South America in relation to the equator and have learnt how to use 4 and 6 figure grid references. Their Geography learning is about to look more closely at the Amazon rainforest and the causes and effects of deforestation. They will also look at how tourism and poverty have impacted South America with a focus on equality and fairness.

Personal Development

Personal development is a very important part of Year 6. They have regular discussions about making positive choices. During PHSE Jigsaw lessons they have been looking at their personal goals, deciding whether the goals are achievable and deciding how to achieve those goals in a series of smaller steps. It has been great hearing them share their dreams and ambitions.

TEKK Challenge

At the beginning of January, Year 6 began the TEKK Challenge. This challenge is run in conjunction with HSBC bank. The children work in teams to: design a team logo, design a team uniform, present their ideas to the rest of the class (a bit like being on The Apprentice), investigate strong building structures, research and design playground equipment and build a prototype. So far, their TEKK Challenge is going really well and the TEKK Ambassadors come to work with the children every couple of weeks which has enabled them to also learn all about careers within the bank. Everyone in Year 6 has achieved a pledge for team work by participating in the TEKK Challenge and can't wait to start building their TEKK prototypes after the break!

PLEDGES

During your child's time at Thrybergh Primary School we are committed to empowering them to be confident, well rounded, caring and happy people who are ready for the wider world. In order to do this the children are given opportunities to develop their personal skills and attributes and broaden their horizons. We encourage our children to take part in as many different experiences as possible whether that be sporting, cultural or team work activities so that as they understand more about the wider world they are able to make positive contributions at home, in school and in the wider community. Next half term there will be more opportunities for your children to achieve pledges so we will keep you updated.

