

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. We can't believe it's the Easter Holidays already! We've had quite a busy half term at Thrybergh so much so that we struggled to fit it all in this newsletter. There's also lots of exciting things to come after the holidays, but for now we hope you have an egg-cellent Easter Break full of lots of egg-citing things to tell us about when we get back!

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. Year 2 and 3 have all gained a new pledge for participating in French Day. As part of this they wore red, blue and white, enjoyed French themed lunch menu and all took part in a French afternoon where they looked at different parts of the French culture. Some of the children have also earned more pledges this term by attending after school clubs such as Science Club and Street Dance. Year 4 and 5 have been given the opportunity to achieve many of their pledges including; working as part of a group or team, learn a different language and participate in a local community event and support a local/ national charity through school plus many more. The children have continued to work hard to achieve their pledges - it's lovely to see so many children completing their pledges outside of school as well as inside. Year 6 have continued to build on their pledges this half term by taking part in first aid training, sporting and cultural events and completing the TEKK challenge project.



YEAR 2/3

Y2/3 have had a very busy half term and the children have completed some fantastic learning in all of their subjects.

Science

Y2 children have been learning about forces and what a push and a pull is. We have also investigated what happens when objects are dropped and why things fall to the ground. Another topic within our science has been looking at different materials and identifying why an object is made from a specific material. Y3 have been learning all about different animals and have been grouping them into nocturnal and diurnal. They have also been learning about different animals and how we might group them. Y3 have also been learning how the days length are affected by the season that they are in.

English

Y2 have been focusing on reading fluently and with some expression. They have recently read the stories of 'Peace at Last' and 'Whatever Next' and are trying to answer a range of question types about the texts. In writing lessons they have been working on using conjunctions to extend our sentences. They have written a letter from the character of Mr Bear and have adapted the story of 'Whatever Next' to write out their own version. Y3 have been focussing on character descriptions and story settling building. The children have been looking at appropriate adjectives that will best enable the reader to imagine the story the children are creating. The children are continuing with their weekly spelling practice which has been accelerating their learning so that they can write with more independence.

Maths

Y2 have started a new unit which is Fractions. They have been learning how to identify a half, a third and a quarter of a shape and a number. They are continuing to practice their arithmetic skills daily with a quick fire arithmetic warm up every lesson. Y3 children have practiced multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number, as well as dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. They have recently moved on to a new unit of Fractions. They have been identifying unit and non-unit fractions and how to order these from biggest to smallest.

PSHE

Y2 and Y3 have been learning all about what it means to be healthy. They have been discussing as a class the different ways that they can keep their bodies healthy and why it is so important to do this. They have looked at different food produce and the different levels of sugar they contain and discussed as a class how much we should consume of these. They have also looked at different food groups and what it means to achieve a balanced diet.

French

Y2 and Y3 children have been taking part in their French lessons each week and have been learning French greetings and vocabulary for members of the family. The children have been learning different French names and how to pronounce them. They have also been learning the names of the colours in French.

PE

In PE Year 2 and Year 3 children have been learning new skills that they will need to use to play Hockey. They have learnt how to pass, stop and dribble the ball. The children have been learning to control the ball with the hockey stick by weaving it in and out of cones.

Great work Y2/3!



YEAR 1/2

It's been another exciting and busy half term in Y1/2. We can't believe how quickly it has gone!

Phonics & Reading

The children have been working really hard on improving phonics and have made lots of progress with reading skills. It won't be long until our Phonics Screening check, so keep on practicing! They have had a big push on bringing reading books to school every day, with reward points added for reading three times in a week at home. In writing lessons, they have labelled a new bike for Mrs Armitage, written a speech bubble for the gingerbread man and are building on stamina to write a few sentences.

Maths

The children have focused on addition and subtraction within 20 and then place value all the way up to 50. They can add by counting on, by using apparatus or by using our number bonds to 10. They have worked on subtraction by counting back along a number line and have also learned how to place numbers on an empty number line and to build numbers using tens and ones. They have just starting a block on measuring,

Science

Learning in Y1 has been all about materials. The children really enjoy practical Science work where they decided which material would keep the Gingerbread Man dry! They then had a fantastic day learning about recycling, which they presented to everyone in an assembly for British Science Week. They have moved on to learning about animals and how they are classified. They will be learning about what different animals eat and whether they are carnivores, herbivores or omnivores. In Year 2 Science the children have been learning about forces and what a push and a pull is. We have also investigated what happens when objects are dropped and why things fall to the ground. Another topic within our Science has been looking at different materials and identifying why an object is made from a specific material.

Geography

This term in Geography, Y1 have continued to learn about the Arctic. They have discovered the problems facing the Arctic, such as tourism, pollution and climate change. The children enjoyed a bit of role-play telling big business whether or not they were welcome and why!

History

Y1 had a brilliant time at the South Yorkshire Transport Museum. They saw buses, taxis, cars and bikes through the years and enjoyed comparing to see how they have changed. They have moved on to thinking about space travel and how that has changed over time.

Computing

In computing, the children have been thinking about being safe online. They know to TAG - Tell a Grown-up - if they see anything that worries them online.

PE

PE lessons this term have been gymnastics and football skills. They also took part in some Orienteering for Virtual School Games week, with lots of fun exercises.

We're so happy with the children's progress this half term and hope they have a brilliant Easter break. We look forward to more exciting learning when they return for half term 5!

YEAR 4/5

Y4/Y5 have continued to work hard across all areas of their learning. They have continued to demonstrate resilience when facing new challenges in their learning and have been wonderful ambassadors for the Thrybergh Way. We hope they have the best Easter break, they've earned it!

History

Y4 children have continued to learn 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. Y5 have just completed their learning about the impact that World War 2 had on the people of Britain. They have used a variety of sources to learn about the impact of the Blitz on the lives of British people, with a focus on Sheffield and the evacuation of children.

Science

Y4 children have been grouping rocks according to their properties and finding out how and why the length of the day varies throughout the year. They also enjoyed an afternoon learning about how to save energy and producing information leaflets to raise awareness of this as part of National Science week. Y5 children have been investigating and manipulating circuits by adding batteries and bulbs and observing the effects of the changes. They have also been comparing and grouping materials according to their properties, and investigating reversible and irreversible changes of materials.

Geography

Y5 have continued to develop their skills as Geographers and have been learning how to use complex six figure grid references to locate places of significance in South America. They have also been looking at the human and physical geography with a specific focus on the Andes mountain range. They have also had a focus on tourism and how this generates income for South America but whilst recognising the contrasting lifestyle which sees many of South America's residents facing poverty. They have also continued to strengthen their knowledge from lower key stage two in regards to trade.

PE & PSHE

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.

In PSHE, the children have been learning about 'Healthy Me' they have learnt how to take care of themselves and how to make healthy decisions about their diets and exercise choices. They have also learnt about the consequences of misusing alcohol and the impacts that smoking can have upon our bodies.

Art

In Art they have learned lots about the artist Leonardo Da Vinci - he was an inventor and a scientist as well as an artist! His most famous painting, Mona Lisa, was the inspiration behind their amazing self-portraits.

Careers

Our Children have recently taken part in National Careers Week (NCW) 6-11th March. This is a one-week celebration of careers guidance where the aim is to help support young people develop awareness and excitement about their future pathways.

Enrichment

This term Y4 have visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park and Y5 have had the chance to further their knowledge of WWII by visiting a special place in Laxton to find out more about evacuation and being a WWI evacuee. Y5 will also have the opportunity to take part in a camping residential during the Summer term. The children have had the opportunity to participate in Thrybergh Talks and trust led sporting events such as dodgeball and cricket as well as the whole school taking part in World Book Day and International Women's Day activities this term as part of Enrichment.



YEAR 6

Y6 have been working extremely hard as always and have had a fantastic half term!

History

In History the class have learnt about the effects of the Holocaust and how this caused many Jewish people to migrate to other areas of Europe and across the world. They have studied the Kindertransport and looked at the efforts made to evacuate Jewish children out of Nazi occupied Germany. Geography has centred around the Amazon Rainforest. They have studied the impact of deforestation and explored why this is happening and what can be done to save this habitat so that this precious habitat can be saved.

Science

Y6 have been very busy in science learning about circuits and how to change the output of different circuits. They had a lot of fun using our snap circuits equipment to investigate using different components. As part of our learning for British Science week they researched the environmental impact that plastic has on the environment and discovered that some types of plastics take 450 years to disintegrate! They learnt all about the ways we can reduce our plastic consumption and we presented the findings in our British Science Week assembly.

Maths

In Maths Y6 have learnt a lot about fractions, decimals and percentages and the connections between these aspects of number. They are becoming much more skilled at working out percentages. In addition to this they have been calculating the perimeter and area of a variety of shapes.

Personal Development

Personal Development is a very important part of Y6. The class continually discuss making well informed choices. During PSHE Jigsaw lessons they have been learning about leading healthy lifestyles and have tackled some sensitive subjects that can impact the lives of young people such as alcohol and drug mis-use and the role of gangs in society.

TEKK Challenge

During the TEKK challenge we have had the opportunity to work with our ambassadors who have been very generous with their time and have also spoken to us about their careers at HSBC bank. The children were all very interested in the cyber-security roles at the bank. The TEKK challenge came to an end this term and team Thrybergh took part in the final at the HSBC Head Office in Sheffield where they won the construction award for Y6!

SATS 2023

Throughout this half term and for the first part of the summer term Y6 will be continuing to prepare for SATS tests. The children have been working very hard and are continually gaining confidence.

The dates for the tests are as follows:

Tuesday 9th May - English Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling papers 1 & 2

Wednesday 10th May - English Reading

Thursday 11th May - Mathematics papers 1 & 2

Friday 12th May - Mathematics paper 3

Seahouses Residential 2023

This year Y6 will be going on their residential to Seahouses in Northumberland from Monday 15th - Friday 19th May. This is going to be an action packed, exciting week staying the youth hostel in Seahouses which will be exclusive for Thrybergh for the week. Activities planned include a beach safari, a boat trip and a visit to the famous Bamburgh Castle. It will be so wonderful to take in the sights and sounds of Northumberland and the children will all learn so. The class are super excited!

