



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 2, Week 2

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

Our Christian focus for this half term is

TRUST

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart...”

Learning Around School

Mr Gillan

There is a real 'learning buzz' around school, with so many pupils talking to me about their key learning and the important 'sticky knowledge' they are retaining.

On the right, you can see a year 4 experiment: “the hi 5 glove”! This was all about how some solids and liquids can mix to make a chemical reaction. Ted, Edith, Ewan and Sienna and Florey explained their investigation carefully and with such enthusiasm. Over the last 2 years, our development of singular year group planning is now really showing the fruits of the school labour. Subject Leaders have worked hard to create progressive and clear plan from Foundation to Year 6 which carefully set out exactly what the key learning is for the particular year group and unit studied. **“Train Up a Child in the Way They Should Go”** is at the heart of the decision-making by our teachers and senior leaders. What core knowledge is needed to move into Year 7 and beyond? How do we prepare our pupils for life after Thurlbear? All this can be found on our website:

<https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-subjects/> where

Subject Leaders have set out the plans for the pupils across their Thurlbear school life. **Each half term**, teachers also drill down into the learning and present this to you via a Curriculum Letter, including key knowledge, vocabulary, our Christian Value focus, and then it continues into informing families about extra information relevant to the class. Again, it is another way we keep families as up to date as possible as to what goes on in individual classes. **Check Dojo and Tapestry for the latest class copy.**



Thanks to our Year 6 who got 2024 off to a great start, today, with their Class Worship to the rest of the school and to the families attending. Their focus on courage blended Old Testament courage with the plight and tension surrounding the suffragette movement; they even brilliantly captured the rights and wrongs of such actions in their writing. Here is Imogen's thoughtful extract, **based on the idea that I had banned the opinions of girls in school!** **“In my judgement, we should all be treated fairly and as equals. I strongly believe that both genders should have the right to be heard. We are all humans and go to the same school to represent**

Workers of the Week:

Chestnut:
Quinn!

Rowan:
Harrison!

Cherry:
Harbour!

Hazel:
Thea!

Willow:
Alex!

Pine:
Charlie!

Oak:
Betsy!

the same badge. I think it is essential that you rethink your decision and change your viewpoint." No wonder some of the Year 6 girls gave me a colder greeting when I saw them at lunch!

Safeguarding and Notices Mr Gillan

You can find more information on safeguarding on our website:
<https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/parents/safeguarding/>

Colder days ahead over the next few weeks, so please ensure pupils have warm, outdoor clothing for PE, as we do get outdoors as much as possible for these sessions.

Chestnut and Oak Class have Heights and Weights letters, this week. Please note that your child is automatically included in this, so simply send back the form should you **wish to opt out**.

Thank you to a parent for sending in a question, which results in me reminding everyone that the drop-off system at 8:40am, in our car park, is open to **ALL** pupils from **any** year group! Mrs Cann meets and greets and then pupils walk around to the playground. If any Chestnut families have not tried it and would like to do so, mention it to Mrs Cann and she will happily direct families on where to go once out of the car.

The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

Monday: Chestnut and Rowan Class Dental Survey

Monday: Year 3 to 6 Girls' Football

Monday: Governors' Finance meeting

Tuesday: new non-slip treads fitted to the outdoor classroom

Tuesday: a 'lights survey' in the original building, as part of a decarbonisation scheme supported by our Diocese of Bath and Wells.

Tuesday: Years 4 to 6 Dodgeball

Wednesday: Years 3 to 6 Street Surfing

Wednesday: SEND Parent Network Meeting (9am hall)

Wednesday: Year 6 SATs Talk in Oak

Thursday: Year 6 Leadership Academy

Thursday: CENSUS DAY

Thursday: Years 1 and 2 Multi Sports

Friday: Girls' football Regional Finals !

Friday: Collective Worship

Friday: Years 3 to 6 Mixed Football