



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 2, Week 9

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

THANKFULNESS

is our focus, this half term.

Our classes will focus on this value around school and in our collective worships, led by Mr Gillan and individual classes.

Online Resources and Safety:

1. www.swiggle.org.uk

Notices

Mr Gillan

I would like to start by thanking all families for your understanding regarding our snow closure, this week. It is always an incredibly difficult decision to make and, as with the vast majority of tough decisions made in school (and in general life), will never be universally popular.

Today (Friday), I had the pleasure of observing reading across our Key Stage 2 classes. Teachers' passion and input, pupil engagement and attitudes, and an overall ethos of working together really reflected our overall foundation as a Church School, to "Train up a child in the way they should go". It was great to look at books and chart the extensive knowledge across Years 3 – 6 in their VIPER approach to comprehension: **V**ocabulary, **I**nterpret, **P**redict, **E**xplain, **R**etrieve and **S**ummarise.

Some books – as a segue – will be available for families to look at in our Consultations, scheduled for 28th and 30th March. Letters will come home from individual classes with timing choices for you. Send them back and we will ensure sibling times are matched.

Thanks for your contributions for M and M productions. WE MAKE ABSOLUTELY NO PROFIT from these performances.

Heights and Weights letters have come out to pupils in some classes. Please **only send this back if you wish to opt out.**

Our email address is office@thurlbearprimaryschool.co.uk and you can find this on our 'contact us' page on the website.

POTENTIAL FURTHER INDUSTRIAL ACTION:

Wednesday and Thursday, 15th and 16th March, are two potential, consecutive days of industrial action. These coincide with a larger wave of action across the country and in many sectors. Hopefully, I will know more on Monday as discussions between staff are ongoing.

Safer online searching – it creates search lists from educational sites only. Please do give it a go at home, as it should bring up some very interesting sites for home projects / research.

3.
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Some beautiful images and great facts on this National Geographic site.

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Bible Thought:

"You welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim."

Psalms 23

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The Week Ahead

Mr Gillan

Sign Language Week and teachers will be engaged in **Pupil Progress Meetings** throughout the week. This is when we talk about every pupil, how they are doing and what can be done to keep them on track. We absolutely commit to our pupils as individuals and not as a percentage point in a data set.

Monday: all clubs are on: Y1 and 2 multi skills, Y3 girls' football, Y4 Ed Shed Club

Monday: Y5 and 6 Netball Competition Castle School

Tuesday: Y3 – 6 tag rugby

Wednesday: INDUSTRIAL ACTION DAY

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Thursday: Mr Timms and Mr Lloyd

Thursday: Y5 and 6 multi skills

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Friday: Healthy Metres Matters

Friday: Mr Snowden guitar tuition

Friday: Chestnut trip to Axe Valley Wildlife Park

Friday: Year 2 cake sale.

Friday: Y3 – 6 football.

Dress Down Fridays: They occur on the first school Friday of a new month. Here are the dates for the rest of the year:

21st April, 5th May, 9th June and 7th July

COMING UP: PARENT CONSULTATIONS. Teachers will keep all families up to date via Class Dojo pages.

Year 6's suffrage protest, today, really brought the theme to the attention of the whole school!

