



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 3, Week 7

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust.

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

The Final Half Term!

Mr Gillan

Incredibly, we are into the last half term of the 2022/23 academic year. Teachers have been tasked with sharing half term letters on Class Dojo or Tapestry. These letters do a variety of things:

- They give families an insight into the key knowledge that the class will have for the next few weeks.
- They share, with families, any key vocabulary that can be discussed at home and reinforced in your own conversations around the table, out in the garden etc. My 4 year-old son likes to spill his whole brain to me before the bed-time story and he won't get to page 1 before he has told me every creature he saw at his pre-school and what words he loved learning that day. This Curriculum Experience Letter will keep you up to date with all of that rich talk you have!
- They give a clear insight into the structured, well-developed and ambitious curriculum that we strive for, here at Thurlbear.
- They show the consistency across every class in the school, so you know your children get the same quality offer in every year.

Summer Term 2
Willow Class

Some suggested reads:
 "The Explorer" – Jacqueline Wilson
 "Journey to the River Sea" -Eva Ibbotson
 "Amazon Adventure" – Stewart Ross
 "Rain Player" – David Wisniewski

Discrete teaching:

- Spelling – new phoneme weekly
- Class Read – The Explorer by Katherine Rundell
- Reading comprehension using the VIPERS approach
- PSHE – Relationships and Sex Education – more information to follow
- PE – reacting to a ball

Subject: Science:
 To recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. To explore and use classification keys to help group. Identify and name a variety of living things in the environment. Recognise that environments can change and this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Working Scientifically:

School Notices

Mr Gillan

- **Volunteers** : Mrs Lucas will be in touch, next week, with ideas on how you can help!
- **Well done** to our sports teams that continue to do well in competitions around Taunton. I have covered these extensively in posts on our blog

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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news! Next up are our girls in a cricket competition and they have been practicing hard during lunchtime!

- **We now have NFT's in school** (No Football Tuesday/Thursday) and it has made our other sports flourish at lunch. Cricket, handball, tennis and tag rugby are all very popular, right now!
- **LUNCH menus have gone out, today**, so please make sure this are back with us for WEDNESDAY. We cannot process them after this date!
- **ALL DATES** that we know of, right now, have been updated and can be found on our calendar on the website:
<https://www.thurlbear.somerset.sch.uk/events/>
- **SPORTS DAY:** Families are very welcome to join us for a 1pm start on Friday, Sports day. We will open the gates around 12:45, but please do not get here too early! Staff will move their cars and so there will be limited parking for families. Refreshments will be available, but please do NOT buy anything for your child whilst they are still doing sports! More information will be out from Mrs Yellowley (Sports Lead) on Monday. In the morning, all children will have already done a circular sports event led by our brilliant Year 6 and Sports Leaders.
- **SADLY:** our Pay360 is going offline (out of our hands) and so Mrs Carter and Mrs Moore have been doing some in-depth due diligence into how we replace this tool. Once we know (their hard work and research nearly has a conclusion), we will let you know what needs to be done by both you and us. Watch this space.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday is whole class photos and Year 6 leavers' photo, so best haircuts, uniform and smiles!

Sports Day, Friday: Dojo me if I have not answered any queries.