



Thurlbear Matters

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Term 1, Week 6

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Online Resources and safety

www.swiggle.org.uk

[Safer online searching – it creates search lists from educational sites only.](#)

www.childnet.com

Lots of online safety tips and games

www.somersetchoices.org.uk

One-stop shop for information for families

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Bible Thought:

“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ

Moving Forwards Mr Gillan

- **Thanks** to all those families that have sent in feedback concerning lockdown and what went well / what can be improved. Moving forwards, you will be just as aware as I am that the national picture is fluctuating regarding COVID restrictions and local guidelines. Should we hear anything, we will let you know as soon as is possible. **As things stand**, our half term remains the same and we break up Wednesday 21st October and return Monday 2nd November. If anything changes, we will use our texting service and social media routes to communicate with you, so please ensure we have your latest mobile number. **Our Action Plan**, for any local lockdown scenario in the next academic year, will include a blended learning offer of: online planning for families to follow, live/recorded sessions led by teachers and parental engagement tool Class Dojo utilised by class teachers. Should we get enough notice from the govt, we will fully communicate this you in a timely fashion.
- **Our INSET Days** were decided many months ago, well-before COVID was a consideration. These two days were attached to a half term to allow families a longer break together. If you are taking a well-earned break together, please do be mindful of the rules and regulations of your destination, especially overseas should that be in your plans.
- **I've received good feedback** regarding the phone consultations. I hope this has worked for you as families and you will be receiving an Interim Report, after half term, highlighting some of the targets for your child.
- **IQ Christmas cards : OUR deadline is Wednesday 21st October.** We CANNOT process them after this date as they will have all gone. They really look great and I love it when I get them in Santa's postbox in school from a proud pupil!
- **Bishop Fox's** virtual tour has been very popular for the transition from Y6 into Yr7: <https://www.bishopfoxs.co.uk/> give it a go if you are interested.
- **A message from the School Admissions Team at County Hall:** If your child is due to start or transfer school for September 2021, it is now time to make your application. The **deadline for primary** phase applications is 15th January 2021. The **deadline for secondary** phase applications is 31st October 2020. Please apply online by visiting <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/>
- **New faces around school:** I'm delighted to say that Mrs Angell has now joined our lunch team, so a big welcome to her, as well as Miss Carter and Mrs Rabjohns joining our premises team. After half term, we will also be welcoming 2 new apprentices working in classrooms and 3 trainee teachers. All these people join us with full knowledge of our safety measures and we are very much looking forward to them learning at Thurlbear. I am now feeling old, as I taught Miss

forgave you."

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www.bathandwells.org.uk

Rogers, one of the trainees, when she was a year 5!

- **Harvest is**, normally, a time we get together and celebrate all that is grown and good in our world. Even though we can't gather together and worship, we will still be celebrating in school and thinking about our locality. I contacted the Taunton Foodbank to enquire if our annual contribution could still take place, but stocks are full currently, due to local hotels giving their spare tins etc. Mrs Newman, our RE Curriculum Lead, will devise something for after half term and we will communicate this to you.

He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

LUKE 10:2

WORKERS OF THE WEEK! A huge congratulations, this week, goes to...

Chestnut: **Ria** Rowan: **Riley** Cherry: **Sofija** Hazel: **Willow** Willow: **Chloe** Pine: **Rory**
Oak: **Alex**

Safeguarding Mr Gillan

Under the COVID guidelines, we are **still** asking our pupils to leave objects at home! Thank you to everyone for your understanding about birthday treats. Our attendance, this week, has been around 98% - a fantastic achievement under the circumstances. That is all down to you, so well done **#clapforgrownups**.

The Week Ahead Mr Gillan

Tuesday: Mr Snowden guitar tuition (contact him on 07591 810453 for availability)

Thursday: INSET Day

Friday: INSET Day

Term 1 dates of interest

3rd December: whole-school 'flu vaccinations.

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

6th November, 4th

December, 8th

January, 5th

February, 5th

March, 23rd

April, 7th May,

11th June and 2nd

July.

The house was being battered by the freezing, heavy rain. The house cowered behind the brave sandbags. Vexed, miserable, lonely. It stood petrified and anxious. The house screamed like a baby vulture.

Creative writing about 'The Flood' by Acer.



The trembling house was getting pelted by the horrific, torrential rain. The terrified house stood his ground with his roof held high. Down-hearted, gloomy, desperate. The house was fighting back against the unforgiving rain. The house was like an ant in the storm, doomed.

Creative writing about 'The Flood' by Rory.

