

Thorpe Hesley Primary School



Where Children Grow





Thorpe Hesley Primary School

A place where children grow.

Our Creativity Statement

Thorpe Hesley Primary School is a creative school. We inspire, engage and challenge children through creativity. We believe that every child should be prepared for an ever changing world through an inspiring, bespoke and creative curriculum.

A curriculum and experiences that capture their curiosity and equips them with the deep knowledge and skills to let their light shine. One that develops connections to nature and a sense of responsibility for our world.

Creativity:

- is a skill that can be developed
- opens the mind and broadens perspectives
- helps you see the big picture
- motivates
- is inclusive
- develops problem-solving skills
- boosts self-esteem and alleviates stress and anxiety
- can clarify thoughts and feelings
- allows self-expression
- brings people together



Creative Children's Academy Trust

- All our partner schools have a vision for their setting with creativity at the heart of all they do.
- We expect our schools to create a passion for learning through creative and inspirational practice.
- We may not be identical and we all have our own identities, but we have the same vision and dream for our children and families. We know we can work well together to support each other with this.



Welcome

Year 3 and 4 Class teachers:

Year 3

Class 10 - Mr Ford

Class 11 - Mrs Turnbull

Year 3 and 4

Class 12 - Mrs Shaw

Year 4

Class 13 - Miss Beard

Class 14 - Mrs Stenton



Welcome to Class 12

- Class Teacher: Mrs Shaw
- Additional adults who support in class and out of class are: Mrs Briddock, Mrs Quibell, Mrs Morgan and Miss Scott
- Tuesdays are my day and Class 12 are taught by Mrs Nazir



Welcome

- When the children arrive, please wait in the main playground until the whistle goes at 8.35am. Children then line up ready to enter school.
- Please be prompt when bringing and collecting your child.
- If you need to speak to any of us, we will be available before and after school to help you. If we are not available we can always organise a different appointment time.



- Once collected from outside, the children will hang up their coats and put their book bags in their drawers. Please only use flat book bags and draw string PE bags. Please also bring wellies at the start of the term.



- Home School Diaries



- Water bottles (plastic only please and no juice)

- Home School diaries and reading books must be in school **every day please**



- Children can bring fruit or vegetables as a snack for morning playtime



- No jewellery is allowed except small ear studs in pierced ears and a watch.

- Reading diaries will be checked every **Friday**. Please bring book bags, reading diaries and books every day.

- Lunches can be chosen on the morning of each day and you will have a copy of the menu if you wish your child to choose a particular option.

- Party invitations can be given out in school if you cannot give them out before or after school but we ask that children do this during playtime or invitations are put in their drawers when it is lesson time.



A DAY IN KEY STAGE TWO...

8.35 Arrive at school
8:40-8:50 Registration and morning work
8:50 – 9:20 Guided Reading
9:20-9:35 Assembly
9:35-10:35 Maths
10:35-10:45 Daily Mile
10:45-11:00 Morning Break
11:00-12:00 English
12:-00-1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 Foundation Subjects
2:00-2:10 – Afternoon Break
2:10-3:00 Foundation Subjects
3:00-3:10 Story time
3:10 Home time



Food

- We are a healthy school so please remember that we do not allow items such as chocolate and fizzy drinks in packed lunch boxes.
- Birthdays are a special occasion and we are happy to share a cake or buns with the other children as a birthday treat.
- Water bottles should be brought to school full of water (no juice allowed) daily. The children can refill their water bottle when necessary and we do have a water fountain for use during playtime and lunch.



Other Information

- Medical forms can be collected from the office.
- No cars down the school drive please for the safety of the children.
- You will receive a weekly newsletter via Arbour. All letters are also sent out in this way as well.
- Don't forget to check our school website as this has photographs, planning and information which is updated on a regular basis.
- We also have a Twitter and Instagram account which you can look at and access even if you aren't on Twitter yourself.
- School events and educational visits - We do need your support for these events. If you can help at any event, e.g. disco, then please see Mrs. Woodcock or Mrs Screaton.



The New Home School Diaries



- The Home-School agreement is now in the Home School Diary and must be signed please by Monday.
- Children cannot bring home a Spine Book until this agreement is signed.
- The Home School Diary - £5 to replace



We have a small number of whole school **Golden Rules**. These are as follows:

1. We are helpful and act kindly.
2. We always tell the truth.
3. We always strive to be the best that we can be and work hard every day.
4. We listen well and don't interrupt.
5. We have respect for others and are polite and well mannered.
6. We care for, and look after, the school and our environment.
7. We do not hurt each other physically, or emotionally.



- If children break one of our golden rules then they will be given a warning. If the children choose to ignore this warning then golden time will be lost.



- Children always have the opportunity to earn their golden time back and this is something that we encourage.



- All children in school are familiar with our behaviour pyramid and this is displayed in all classrooms. All staff in school follow this and we have a positive behaviour policy here at Thorpe Hesley.



Rewards

We constantly reward positive behaviour.

Golden tickets - we hand these out throughout the week for all displays of positive behaviour and good work. These tickets are collected and a prize draw happens at the end of each half term. Mini prize draws are done by the class teacher every Friday.

Class points - these can be handed out by any member of staff but they are for the whole class. These are collected and the winning class at the end of each half term wins a cake.



PE

There are lots of extra opportunities for sports including lunchtime clubs, events and teams, after school clubs and tournaments throughout the year.

PE days are Mondays and Thursdays.

It is advised that children keep their PE kit in school all week and this is washed at weekends or during the holidays.



PE Kit

White t-shirt and black shorts. Pumps or trainers for outdoor PE please. Long hair should be tied back (spare bobble in PE bag please), earrings removed or taped up with micro pore tape which your child should keep in their own PE bag. Your child needs to be able to tape their ears independently.

A black hooded jumper or jacket and joggers are useful for cold days.

As part of PE, the year 4 children go swimming in the summer term.

Children should have their PE kit in school every day please.

In addition to PE lessons, children will participate in the 'Daily Mile' every day but there is no kit needed for this 😊



Reading and Spellings

- Children will be bringing home their diary which includes a reading record where they can keep a record of the books they have read.
- Please comment about your child's reading in these booklets - if the children read at **least three times a week** with an adult, then they have the opportunity to attend a reward night each term.
- Children can also record in their reading records themselves if they have read independently.
- Children will be set spellings on a Friday which will be due the following week.
- Children will also be set a piece of homework in their homework books every Friday which will be due in the following Friday.



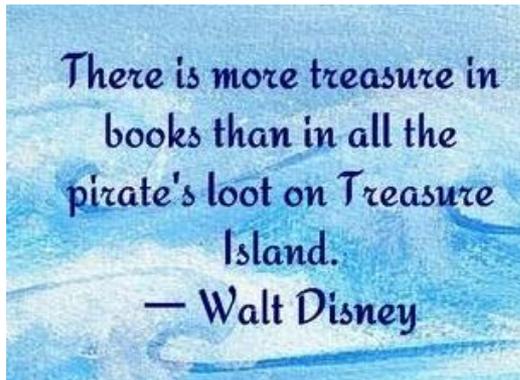
Library

- Children will also have the opportunity to borrow books from our school library in the infant building



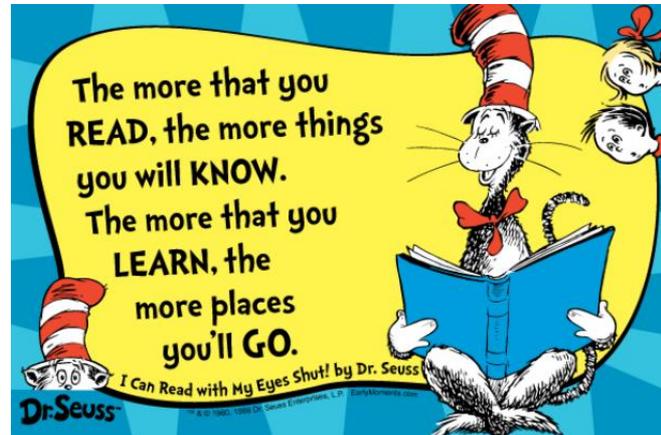
Thorpe Hesley Primary School Library

- Our school library is open every Tuesday and Thursday straight after school.
- It is located in the infant building, accessed from the main playground.
- There are books suitable for **EVERYONE**, no membership needed!



Reading Volunteers

- Can you spare an hour a week, maybe after drop off or just before school pick up?
- We are looking to grow our team of reading volunteers.
- Full training will be provided.
- If you are interested in listening to our children read, please put your name down with your child's class teacher.



Maths

- Similar to last year, your child will be working in a maths group every day and will be with other children of a similar ability. This allows us to tailor the teaching more accurately to your child's needs.
- We will monitor groups regularly and it may be that your child changes groups during the year.



TT Rockstars and MTC

- Towards the end of year 4, in June, all year 4 children in the country do the online National Multiplication Tables Check.
- We prepare the children for this throughout years 3 and 4 by learning all the times tables to 12×12 . We do this by:
 - - using TT Rockstars
 - - daily times tables chanting
 - - daily times tables quizzes and games
- January - meeting for year 4 parents about the MTC.



Homework

Maths or English homework tasks are sent home fortnightly



- Homework is set every Friday and is due in the following Friday. Maths homework is set by your child's maths teacher.
- We ask that homework is completed on the sheet when appropriate and stuck into their homework book or in the book when not appropriate.



Please support your child to ensure this work is completed on time and to a good quality.



Spellings

- Spellings will be set in the Home School Diary every Friday and then tested the following Friday. You will find spellings and spelling tests in your child's home school diary.
- It is important your child transfers these spelling rules into their writing and understands that the focus isn't just scoring 10/10 on the spelling test.

Please support your child by practising spellings throughout the week - little and often!



Reading

- Please encourage your child to read at least three times a week.
- Record it in the Home School Diary.



What does the research say about children's reading?

- Children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.
- Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background.



Things to remember!

- We have a website - please check out our class page.
- We will update our class page and 'tweet' with some of things we have done and messages. Keep an eye on our Instagram account as well.
- Weekly newsletters and other letters electronic now.
- Reminder that we ask as part of our school uniform, all children have a pair of wellies in school to access our Outdoor Learning provision.
- New timings for this academic year...8:35am start and 3:10pm finish



Stay and Learn dates...

Reading - Monday 3rd October 2022

Maths - Monday 7th November 2022

Writing - Monday 6th February 2023





Thank you

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