



Literacy & Numeracy at Thorndown Primary School

Literacy

Our New School

We are very excited to have moved into our new school. We have spent some time creating an inspiring library area which is now called 'The Discovery Suite'. In here, we have lots of high quality non fiction texts and an interactive table for children to use. A timetable has been created to ensure each class can access the resources on a weekly basis. On Wednesday 24th September the school will be holding an Open Evening for you all to see!

Junior Librarian

I am excited to inform you of the launch of a new online version of our junior school library catalogue. The new system allows children, staff and parents to view our school library catalogue online, and children are being encouraged to take out books using the new system. Your child will be bringing home a detailed letter about this. We will be holding a workshop to show this new system to parents on Friday 19th September 3.30pm. All welcome!

Home School Diaries

At Thorndown, we are continually looking at ways to enhance the teaching and learning of Literacy. We have made an important change that we would like to share with you. This week, your child will be bringing home a new home school diary. The diary is designed to last throughout the academic year 2014/2015. It is essential for children to take their Home School Diary to and from school **each day** to enable effective communication. Please look out for the letter that gives you more detail about our diaries. We hope you like the new design!

Numeracy



Maths Eyes

Last year, during our Marvelous Maths Week, we launched an exciting new initiative called Maths Eyes. This proved to be very successful at getting the children to think about the maths that is all around us, and prompted some great discussions and opportunities for problem solving. We will be continuing with Maths Eyes this term, so keep your eyes open for our weekly pictures on the website.

Calculation Sessions for Parents

Our updated Calculation Policy will be on the website very soon and we would like to invite parents in to school on Wednesday 15th October at 9.15am to share with you some of the ways in which addition and subtraction are taught. We will start the session with an introduction in the hall and you will then have the opportunity to go into classrooms and join the children's maths lessons until breaktime. This will give your children the opportunity to show you what they are learning and some of the resources, strategies and activities we use in school. We will also be holding a session on multiplication and division on 19th November. Reminders will be sent out nearer the time.

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Helping at Home

Playing games with your child can be a great way of helping to develop skills and confidence in maths. Year 1&2 children bring home maths games each week, so please try find the time to play these if you can. KS2 children have access to **Mathletics** and we would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to spend some time each week practising their maths skills using this great on-line resource. (Parents of children new to KS2 will have a letter about Mathletics soon to explain more about it.) If you have any questions about either the games sent home in KS1 or Mathletics, or don't have access to Mathletics at home, please contact your teacher or Mrs Gerrard.

Texts in Class!

Yr R - Various Traditional Tales

Yr 1 & 2 - 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury

Yr 3 & 4 - 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Rescue' by Ronda and David Armitage

Yr 5 & 6 - 'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens