



English & Maths at Thorndown Primary School

English

Thank you!

We would like to thank you all for your continued support with English at Thorndown. We have had a great year introducing lots of new English elements to the children's learning. In January, 'Writing Like A Superhero' week was full of fabulous writers, the book fair in March was a real success and the 'Read It Again' event in June was enjoyed by all! So many children meeting and chatting to real authors was a lovely sight to see. A very 'big' thank you to those parents that attended the workshops. Writers Ink has inspired our children to write for a variety of genres and purposes and the Writing Hut has encouraged writing during playtimes and lunchtimes. Let's not forget when the Year 4 children met Horrid Henry's author Francesca Simon! We already have lots more exciting opportunities planned for next year!

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice, collecting stickers and other rewards along the way - all FREE. For more information please see the website below or visit St. Ives Library.

<http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Maths

We've had a brilliant year of maths, embedding practice started last year and introducing some new things, all of which have had a very positive impact on the maths knowledge, skills and understanding of our children - as well as developing their love of maths. We've launched new



Maths Super Powers, held Marvellous Maths Days and run a number of workshops for parents. Those who attended said that they found the sessions really useful in helping them to



understand how we teach maths at school and how they can help at home. We will offer these again next year. In the meantime, the PowerPoint presentations from these sessions are available on our website.

Maths Eyes

Maths Eyes has grown from strength to strength this year and it has been great to see the children's enthusiasm for finding maths around them in the real world. We have seen their mathematical questioning and reasoning skills blossom, and there has been a noticeable difference in their use and understanding of maths vocabulary. They are also making links between different areas of maths learning, which is very important in helping them to develop into successful mathematicians. Maths Eyes is also catching on! We've had a number of schools visit us to find out what it's all about and have gone on to start Maths Eyes with their own pupils. If you find any pictures that you think would make good 'Maths Eyes', please send them to Mrs Gerrard. Thanks!

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Mathletics & Skoolbo

Thank you to all of you who shared your views about these programs through our online questionnaire. It's not too late to complete the questionnaire, which can be found at:

Skoolbo <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZV2Q5W7>

Mathletics <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FGM5ZXK>

We're particularly interested to hear from parents trying out Skoolbo in KS2. You are also welcome to share your views by emailing Mrs Gerrard through the school office.

Both Mathletics and Skoolbo will be available to use at home throughout the summer and can be a good way of helping to keep your child's skills fresh! If you have any problems accessing these programs over the holiday, please email the sites themselves.

Have a lovely summer!

Useful Websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/

www.readingrevolution.co.uk/

www.compare4kids.co.uk/

Let us know about your favourite websites!