



Literacy & Numeracy at Thorndown Primary School

Welcome to the first newsletter about Literacy & Numeracy. We hope to bring you lots of information about both core subjects.

Literacy

St. Ives Bookjam

You may have read in the local newspaper that St. Ives will be holding the third 'St Ives Book Jam'. This will take place on Saturday 7th June at the St. Ives Corn Exchange. Book Jam is a book festival for children and will include storytelling, talks, workshops and demonstrations by a host of authors and illustrators including Dave Shelton, Clementine Beauvais and Tim Collins. Book Jam will run from 9.30am-4.30pm and admission is free. This is a great opportunity for all our budding writers! We look forward to seeing some of Thorndown's families there!

V.C.O.P Superheroes

At Thorndown we use the four superhero characters to help us improve our writing. Can your child explain who they are and what they do?



Numeracy

Marvellous Maths Week!

Maths is all around us and during the first week back after half term we are holding a marvellous week of maths! There will be special maths assemblies to kick it off on Monday and maths lessons through the week will focus on problem solving. We will also be launching 'Maths Eyes' so keep your **eyes open** on the website during that week to find out all about it!

On Friday, the whole school will be tackling the same investigation and it will be lovely to see how children of different ages and abilities approach the problem and record their work. KS2 will also play maths games with the younger children. Friday assembly will celebrate the classes with the best 'Maths Eyes' to finish off our marvellous week.

Why not have a go at solving a few problems with your child at home? For example, plan a party and decide what you'll need to buy and how much you'll spend, or bake some cup-cakes for double as many people as the recipe suggests. Lots of problem solving ideas can be found on the **nrich** website, which is particularly good for challenging more able mathematicians. (Go to <http://nrich.maths.org/8514> for a parents' guide). The National Numeracy website also has a parents' guide (We Do Maths Every Day) which has some useful tips for helping your child at home.

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Helpful Hints!

Make a special time and place to read together. A quiet place with no distractions is perfect.

Try to talk about what is happening in the pictures. This will help your child make sense of the story.

Regularly ask questions to develop your child's understanding of what has been read.

Do help your child by giving them prompts if needed.

Be positive! Praise your child and tell them what they have done well. This will help develop their confidence as a reader.

Useful Websites

www.primarygames.com/math.php

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/websites/4_11/site/

www.coolmath4kids.com/

www.mathschamps.co.uk/#home

<http://resources.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/>

Let us know about your favourite websites!