



Literacy & Numeracy at Thorndown Primary School

Literacy

Dahlicious Week w/b: 30th June

We will be focusing on the inspirational author Roald Dahl - reading some of his creative stories. During literacy lessons, the children will be exploring his life and will look at what made him such a well known, magical author. There will be a special 'Marvellous Medicine' assembly where children will get the chance to help make Grandma's medicine. On Friday, the children can dress up as their favourite Dahl character and bring in their book to share with their reading buddy.



Writing Week w/b: 14th July

We are hoping to launch a school newspaper and every child will have the opportunity to contribute to it during this special week. The local press will be chatting to the children and explaining the process of writing a newspaper during an assembly. Using the V.C.O.P superheroes, the children will focus on a specific title and write a report based on our new school. Yr R will be looking at 'Builders & Machines', Yr1/2 will report on 'A Night in the New School', Yr3/4, 'A Day in the Life of...' interviewing staff members and Yr5/6 will look at 'Past and Present Thorndown'. The School Council will choose an article from each class and these will be published in our very first newspaper. This will be available to buy on

Numeracy

Maths Eyes



Each week, we introduce a new Maths Eyes picture in Key Stage assemblies to help get the children talking about the maths we can find in everyday life. We had a special guest judge in school on Friday of Maths Week to judge our first Maths Eyes competition. Mr Mortimer, one of our school governors, found it a very tricky job, but chose Lucy in Mrs Smith's class and Mrs Jarrah's class in Key Stage 2 as the winners of the wonderful Maths Eyes glasses. Last week's winners were Miss Mumby's and Miss Marshall's classes. Well done! It would be really great if you could chat with your child about our Maths Eyes picture, and links to each picture can be found on our website. (See News and Events.)

Calculation Policy

Don't forget that a Parents' Guide to the way in which we teach calculations can be found on our website. We will be updating this soon to ensure that we are meeting the requirements of the new National Curriculum, which comes into effect in September. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Gerrard or your child's class teacher.

Maths Buddies

Since the Spring Term, we have been holding a maths club for children in Year 2. Some wonderful volunteers from Years 5&6 have been working with the younger children to help develop their skills and knowledge. They have had great fun using a range of resources and playing games, and are now feeling much more confident about maths.

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Helpful Hints!

Numbers are all around us. Whilst walking around town, shopping, watching TV or during car journeys, see you many numbers you can spot with your child. Being able to identify and read numbers is a key skill, from single digits at the start of Reception, to numbers up to and beyond a million in Year 6. Finding such large numbers can be a challenge, but the capacity of sports stadiums can help out, as can the populations of large cities and even countries. Can you child order numbers, say whether thy are odd or even, or even find 1, 10 or 100 more or less? What else can they tell you? Keep your eyed peeled for numbers. They can be fascinating!

Useful Websites

www.phonicsplay.co.uk/

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/

www.readingrevolution.co.uk/

[www.compare4kids.co.uk/
literacy.php](http://www.compare4kids.co.uk/literacy.php)

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