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Newsletter –January 2021

We hope that you are all well and keeping safe. We are very much missing not having all of the children with us in school but are enjoying seeing them on Zoom and looking at all of the work that they are submitting. Our school values are shining through and not just from the children! We do not underestimate how difficult it is to be home schooling your children, whilst trying to work too. It is an extremely challenging situation to be in. We are so proud of the children for all of their efforts and grateful for all you are doing as parents to support them. You are doing a brilliant job. We will continue to do all we can to support the whole school community through the coming months and please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything more we can do to help you and your children.

Here are just a few photos showing the amazing learning in January both in school and at home. The snow most certainly provided some entertainment earlier this month!



Latest News

We are Curators- this term, as part of our whole school theme, 'We are Curators' we will be working with the children to think about how we can take care of our world. As part of this focus, we will be beginning work on a new project as a school, to achieve our Eco-Schools Green Flag Award. We have two wonderful ambassadors in Oak Class (Abbie and Hana) who have begun to carry out an audit, supported and encouraged superbly by Mrs Daniel. The girls have already written to me with some great ideas they have for taking care of our school grounds, including litter picking, recycling and new bins. If you have other ideas please let Abbie and Hana know by contacting office@thornerschool.org.uk. Watch this space for further updates over the term both via Parentmail and through video assemblies.





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Assembly and Worship-although it is not possible to gather together as a school, we will continue to come together virtually through video assemblies and worship. Each week, I will continue to share a weekly whole school assembly via video for the children both at home and at school to watch. I will also share an 'On the Sofa' collective worship video from Andy and Debbie Nicholson, as well as a Picture News assembly exploring a current story to help the children learn and think about what is happening in the world. We would really appreciate it if you could support your child(ren) to access these videos at home. Oak Class have been working hard behind the scenes on their Class Assembly and we look forward to watching this next Friday. In lieu of our Friday Celebration Assembly, we will continue to celebrate the amazing achievements of the children both at home and at school through our weekly 'Celebrating Achievement Bulletin' each Friday.

Children's Mental Health Week-next week is Children's Mental Health Week in the UK. I will be talking to the children about this in the whole school assembly on Monday and will be launching a '14 Days Well Being and Mindfulness Challenge'. This is for pupils, parents and staff to take part in. If you are collecting home learning packs this Friday we will include a paper copy of the challenge in the pack. We are more aware than ever of the importance of mental health, as we manage the impact that Covid 19 is having on both children and adults. We will be sharing useful resources over the coming weeks to support you and your children with this.

Key Diary Dates – Spring Term

February

- 5 Y6 Class Assembly (via video)
- 12 Values Awards Assembly
- 12 School closes for Half Term
- 22 School Opens to Key Workers and Vulnerable pupils

March

- 1 Author Visit Day (Charlotte Guillian) (Via Zoom)
- 4 World Book Day
- 12 Y2 Class Assembly (via video)
- 18 Values Awards Assembly-9:00am
- 19 Comic Relief (inc. house dance competition)
- 25 Easter Service- (Y3 led via video)
- 26 Thorner Performs (talent show led by Y5) – 1:30 pm
- 26 Spring Term Reports to Parents
- 26 School closes for Easter holidays at staggered times-2.10pm/2.20pm (one hour earlier than child's current pick up time)

With our very best wishes,

Gemma Whawell (Acting Headteacher), Sharon Robertson (Executive Headteacher) and Sam Capstick (Senior Leader)

