



THORNABY C. OF E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upper Key Stage Two - Autumn Newsletter

Autumn Term

What a super start we have had to our new school year!

We hope you all had a lovely summer break. We have enjoyed having all the children back in school.

In order to make sure that cardigans and jumpers don't get lost when they are taken off, please make sure these are labelled with your child's name.

Topics

Autumn 1 - The Americas (Geography)

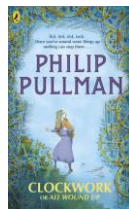
In this topic, we will learn about the continents of North and South America including aspects of human and physical geography, biomes and climate.

Autumn 2 - Ancient Maya - Hola Mexico (History)

After half term, we will study ancient times in Central America and learn about the Maya civilisation. During this topic, we will learn about the Maya society, beliefs and traditions.

Class Novels

We are using a range of novels across Years 5 and 6 for English and Reading sessions. Please ask your child to tell you all about them.



PE

This year, **Year 6** will have PE on a **Thursday** afternoon and **Year 5** on a **Friday** afternoon. As they were last year, children should come to school dressed in their PE kits. We will be doing PE outside for as long as we can so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Please remember that the school PE kit is a white t-shirt, navy/black shorts and black/navy plain tracksuit bottoms with plimsols or trainers. They should wear their school jumper/sweatshirt not any other sweatshirt or jumper.

Homework

Weekly homework includes learning spellings, practising times tables, reading x 3 a week and either a literacy or numeracy worksheet.

It is very important that children are reading at least 3 times a week at home. Fluency and comprehension of reading have a huge impact on many areas of the curriculum. Using Reading Plus at home will also count towards this quota. Times tables can also be practised online on Times Tables Rockstars.

Contacts

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns regarding your child. Our email addresses are as follows:

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