

St Thomas CE(vc) Primary School Newsletter

#### **Diary Dates**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October- Training Day- school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 3<sup>rr</sup> October-Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October- Scholastic Book Fair in school.
- Wednesday 18th October- Flu Vaccinations
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October- Individual and sibling photographs
- Friday 27th October- End of half-term



Autumn 1 Week 4 29.9.23

### Deputy Head Message

This week we have had a theme of safety running across the school. You may have noticed over the past weeks more presence from our local policing team as they help us keep the children safe on their arrival and departure to school. It is really important that when they are not present we continue, as a school community, to keep the children and families safe, with sensible parking, driving and waiting at the crossing. Thank you for your support with this.



Do you know we have an online safety policy which supports good and safe internet practice? If not, then please see our website and have a read. If you have any further questions, then please get in touch with the school. Phone and internet safety is really important to protect young minds.

As we move on further in the term we will also be promoting road safety, as well as firework safety, with workshops and assemblies for groups of children across the school.

Finally, please be reminded that school is NOT open to children on Monday, as it is one of our training days.

Have an enjoyable and safe weekend,

Mrs Goddard ©

#### #teamthomas







In This week we had a lovely Collective Worship linked to our vision, and our value of Belong. We reflected on our school houses and how each house had special qualities, which when working together, make our school flourish and our children and staff grow into those mighty trees.

Our singing is also sounding good with all children learning our Harvest Songs.



Reception



'From Tiny Seeds Grow Mighty Trees'

This week in maths we have been learning that some objects are the same and some are different.

#### Year 1

Tommy the Tiger came to visit Year 1 on Monday. The children were very excited and we have written some great descriptions.



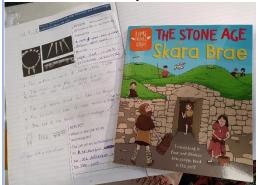
Year 2

Here are the year 2 children practicing their tennis skills. They have been really enjoying their PE lessons.



Year 3

This week in History Year 3 learned about historical sources such as the stone age site of Skara



Brae in Scotland. It has linked in really well with the book we are reading and writing about in class as it is a stone age story set in the same place.

Year 4

Year 4 are now several chapters in to Anglo-Saxon Boy by Tony Bradman and thoroughly enjoying it. We are looking forward to finding out whether Magnus is able to complete the mission his father has set for him. We have already written diaries and are now working on a letter from Magnus to his friend.



Year 5



Since the start of term, we have been reading the amazing book 'Holes' written by Louis Sacher. This week in Year 5, we have been considering the thoughts, feelings and emotions of the main character 'Stanley Yelnats' as he travelled to and arrived at a Juvenile Correction Camp (Camp Green Lake) for a crime he didn't commit. On Tuesday the children actually put themselves into the shoes of Stanley, and we carried out a drama workshop showing the actions, thoughts and facial

expressions he would have displayed. All teachers were impressed by the children's acting skills - we definitely have some potential future actors/actresses in the year group.

Year 6

Year 6 have been retelling religious stories and sharing key events in the form of a freeze frame



#### Attendance

We continue to monitor attendance and we are identifying persistent absentees. (less than 90%) We are keenly aware that there may be genuine and compelling reasons for pupil absence and the monitoring involves working with families to remove barriers and support pupils in their school attendance.

Attendance Matters



# **Tommy's Reading Challenge!**





This week, pupils in class, have been re-introduced to Tommy's Reading Challenge. A letter, bingo sheet of activities and recommended books sheet have been sent home.

Although the challenge is not compulsory, we would like as many children as possible to take part.

## **HAPPY READING!**

