



# Thurlbear Matters

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Term 3, Week 3

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## Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,  
Hope,  
Friendship,  
Wisdom and  
Trust

## WISDOM is our focus, this half term.

Our classes will focus on this value around school and in our collective worships, led by Mr Gillan and individual classes.

## Online Resources and Safety:

1. [www.swiggle.org.uk](http://www.swiggle.org.uk)

## School Updates: church, learning and living

Mr Gillan

It was great to welcome back Rev Joanna, this week, to lead a Collective Friendship about Wise Friends. Our Christian Value of **WISDOM** has been shining through, this week, with many pupils making wise choices around their play-times; and not just choices they think we WANT them to make! I have been on lunch duty every day and watched peers getting on and falling out, and how they do this is crucial to their own moral and spiritual development. "It's not fair, she won't play my game!" is a common statement heard, but it is empowering our pupils with the skills and tools to tackle that within their social groups that is a vital part of break times. This also links strongly to **SAFEGUARDING** and our pupils knowing they can trust every member of staff to listen objectively and openly when they have an issue, when they are worried for themselves as well if they are worried about a friend. **Speaking out** to a trusted adult is integral to safety at school and in the home and our pupils are encouraged to talk to adults when they feel that something isn't right with their friends. Very often, they have the best eyes and can see subtle changes in behaviour and habits that could be of concern to a member of staff and could signal a safeguarding issue.

**All classes should have** given their families an idea of what learning lies ahead via a class curriculum letter. These communications are key for informing you on the key learning priorities in the class and also give a flavor of how we can work together to get the best of the time at home and in school. Class Dojo is the usual route for these and it remains a strong parental engagement tool, along with Tapestry for our Reception Class.

**NEXT WEEK** sees our Year 6s take their SATs from Tuesday to Friday. There are numerous tests that will take place in the mornings and all under statutory conditions. Lots of staff are involved in this, from organising the rooms, covering displays, to counting the papers and checking them back into the sealed envelopes. I can't thank the staff enough for their calm demeanors and positive actions around our pupils – and I look forward to sharing their SATs breakfast in the mornings!

On the Friday afternoon – and into the evening – we will be supporting the BIG HELP OUT venture, whereby families come into school from 3:45 to do some much-needed DIY jobs around school: painting fences, fixing posts and giving our school

Safer online searching – it creates search lists from educational sites only. Please do give it a go at home, as it should bring up some very interesting sites for home projects / research.

3.  
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>  
Some beautiful images and great facts on this National Geographic site.

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### Bible Thought:

“You welcome me as an honoured guest and fill my cup to the brim.”

Psalms 23

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environment a general spruce. You are more than welcome to join us and we will be working until around 6:45pm.

We hope you all have a wonderful Coronation Weekend and celebrate in true style, wherever you are and whoever you're with. Huge thanks to the PTA for the pin badges that will serve as a fantastic reminder of such a grand occasion:

**“I swear that I will pay true allegiance to Your Majesty, and to your heirs and successors according to law. So help me God.”**

