



Thurlbear Matters

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Spring Term End of Week 10

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Our Christian Values:

Thankfulness,
Hope,
Friendship,
Wisdom and
Trust

Our Christian focus for this term is:

Thankfulness

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

Bible Thought:

'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of

In-School 'Stuff' Out-of-School Success Mr Gillan

Out: Well done to our Year 5/6 netball squad who attended 2 tournaments, this week, and produced some brilliant performances! I believe they were unbeaten in their games and were averaging around 6 goals every game! Our team is now through to the next round and went through joint-first with Creech St Michael; good luck to both schools!

In: Chestnut Class have been producing their very first story map to accompany the story: "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Can You See?" I stood and listened – alongside Mrs Moore – as they recited the full book to us. Their expression was fantastic and they loved the patterns of the book, as well as the brilliant actions that went along with the frog, cat, monkey and other animals seen along the way!

Out: Year 3 attended an excellent Athletics Festival or running, catching and throwing at Bishop Foxes. However, one of the highlights was travelling on the bus; they haven't done it for 2 years! Mrs Yellowley praised our pupils' behavior and commented on how many former Thurlbear pupils were there to be Sports Leaders. Many of our pupils go on to hold positions of responsibility at secondary school and it shows that 'Train Up a Child in the Way They Should Go' really does come true.

In: Our after-school sports have been held in better weather, this week, and again it is great to welcome back former pupils to help! Sessions have been good fun and numbers are up in each year group.

In: Across the school, we have been focusing on displaying our **thankfulness** to others. The 'thank yous' around school have been wonderful to hear and our lunchtime supervisors all commented on the manners and genuine gratitude from our pupils.



God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' The Bible, Philippians, chapter 4.

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School Notices

- Residential payment information, for Years 4, is as follows: Year 4 Kilve Court final payment / full balance must be received by **FRIDAY 1st APRIL**. If this date causes any consternation or worry regarding payments, please contact us ASAP and our Office Team will speak with you in strict confidence.
- Payments for After School Sports can be made online and are now due.

Safeguarding

Mr Gillan

Thank you to all families for continuing the monitoring of pupil health as we navigate our way out of the pandemic. Numbers in Somerset are rising, once again, and Somerset Public Health are debating whether to bring back face coverings in schools. As a general decision is being made, can I ask you all to remain vigilant for the signs of COVID and, if in any doubt, contact the Office Team who can discuss anything with you. In school, we are balancing safety with practicality, trying to maintain our zones and areas whilst, simultaneously, looking for opportunities to bring our pupils back together and celebrate the friendship at Thurlbear, so Worships with Key Stage 1, or 2 years groups sharing spaces outside. Soon, we will be back onto our field and fully appreciate the space that we have at Thurlbear School.

Our corridor connecting Years 4 to 6 is awash with excellent illustrations and accompanying writing. Our World Book Day focus "**The Tin Forest**", across the school, stimulated many examples of art, writing, reading for pleasure and discussion.

