

The Creative Curriculum

'Roots to grow, wings to fly'

At Thornton we aim to provide an exciting and engaging curriculum which will inspire your children to have a passion for learning.

Our curriculum aims to give all your child the knowledge, skills and understanding to achieve their full potential academically, socially and emotionally. This takes place in the context of a safe and nurturing school environment where each individual child is known and each individual child's learning journey is unique to them.

We want your child to become a successful learner, confident individual and responsible citizen. We aim to give your children the necessary skills to prepare them for life in modern British society.

Tolerance and harmony between different cultural traditions will be fostered by enabling your child to acquire an appreciation for and respect for their own and other cultures.

Our curriculum also puts a firm importance to the physical wellbeing of every pupil. We believe that from a young age, children learn cooperation through group activities and form a positive sense of identity as part of a team. We have an expert sports coach, who actively encourages participation in community sports events.

We have many lunch time and after school clubs for your child to enjoy these include Multi-sports; Cookery; Art and design, Music; Tag-rugby; French; Chinese; Computing and Science.

Please see the school web-site for full details and timetable.

If you are lucky enough to be able to access the internet at home there are a wide range of sites that children can go to for fun activities. Here are just a few recommendations from teachers to get you started:



www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize (Key Stage 1 and 2)

nrich.maths.org

www.mathszone.co.uk

www.funbrain.com

Pocket Phonics (i-pad app)

www.oxfordowl.co.uk (reading and maths)

www.mathletics.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/primaryhistory

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Working together:
A Curriculum guide for

Year 4



We realise that knowing in advance what your children will be studying during the year helps you to plan how to support your children. There is no better way for children to develop a love of learning than to do it alongside someone in their family who takes an interest in the work that they do at school. Set out in this leaflet are the key areas that your child will be studying up until the end of the school year.

You can help your child make great progress and be interested in their learning by helping them with homework projects and also visiting the library to find books or information about their topics. You can also research on the internet—a great activity to do together. In this leaflet you can read about all the Topics your child will study during this Year at Thornton - all the activities that we send home are designed to give you, or another family member, the opportunity to sit together for short periods of time and enjoy learning.

Together we can make a great team!

Remember throughout the year we will be posting pictures and news articles on the school's website, so



please take a look at the exciting things we are doing.



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Year 4 Project Overview



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TERM	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
PROJECT TITLE	TRADERS AND SETTLERS (Vikings/ Anglo Saxons)	POTIONS (Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble)	PHAROHS (Egyptians and Africa)	MISTY MOUNTAINS (Sierra)	1066 (The changing England)	Burps Bottoms and Bile
MAIN FOCUS	History	Science	History /Geography	Geography	History	Science
ENGLISH	Reports; Character Profiles; Myths and Legends; Poetry; Narrative	Labels and Instructions; Letter Writing; Play Scripts; Non-chronological Reports	Chronological Reports; Fact Files; Mystery Stories; Play Scripts	Explanation Leaflets; Narrative; Re-counts; Non-chronological Reports	Job Applications; Kenning; Diaries; Play Scripts; Letters	Fact Files; Explanatory Texts; Fantasy Narratives; Persuasive Texts.
HISTORY	Vikings and Anglo Saxons	Historic use of Potions	Ancient Egypt		1066– The Norman Conquest	
GEOGRAPHY	Using Maps; Settlements; Europe		Human and Physical Features of Egypt; The River Nile; Tourism	Using Maps; Human and Physical Geography	Human and Physical features in the Local Area	
ART/DESIGN	Patterns and Print Making; Anglo Saxon Homes; Clay Rune Stories	Design; Clay Work; Photography; Product Development	Drawing Artefacts; Headwear; Hieroglyphic Amulets; Model Tombs	Clay Modelling; Weaving	Making Norman Helmets; Siege machines; Draw-bridges and Castles	Healthy Foods; Textiles; Working Models
SCIENCE	Electricity	States of Matter	Animals and Humans	Sound		Teeth Types; Tooth Decay; The Digestive System

Whole School Projects

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Words have Wings	The Power of Words	The Electronic Word	The Written Word	Words of Science	The Classical word

High Quality Texts

