

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)

Mathletics

Www.activelearn.co.uk

Www.phonicsplay.co.uk



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Working together:
A Curriculum guide for
Year 2



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 2 Wise Owls

Curriculum Overview



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Wings to fly!'

TERM	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
PROJECT TITLE	Animals Including Humans "We ain't nothing but mammals"	Changes "Seasons come Seasons go"	Materials "Lets Investigate Muck Mess and Materials"	"It's Time to Time Travel"	"It's Blooming Marvellous"	"World Detectives"
MAIN FOCUS	Science	Science	History /Geography	History	Science	Geography and History
English (including key authors studied.)	Woodlands Emily Hughes Nicola Hughes	Seasons Britta Teekentrap	The True Story of the Three Little Pigs Michael Rosen Emily Garbett	Space Explorers Mini Grey Simon Bartram	Fairy tales Traditional Tales	Storytelling Around the World Neil Griffiths Jeanie Baker
History	Black History	The Nativity	'Fire Fire!'	The Great Space Race	Christopher Columbus	Nelson Mandela (Africa)
Geography	Let's explore the United Kingdom	Human and Physical	'Reuse, Reduce, Recycle' Environmental awareness	Identify features of maps now compared to the past	Locate and name Parks/Gardens in our locality	Africa
Art and Design	Observational drawings of animals in the wild and under water paintings	Fall collage using natural materials	Clay modelling	Design and make your own 'Bernard's watch'	Sunflowers by Vincent Van Gogh	Sketching landscapes
Science	Animals Including Humans	Living Things and Their Habitat	Materials	Science investigations	Plants	'That's what makes the world go round'- asking questions and gathering and recording data

Whole School Projects

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Words have Wings Words from other Cultures	The Power of Words (anti Bullying)	The Electronic Word	The Written Word	Words of Science	The Classical word