

Reminders for this term:

- Our School Day starts at 8:50am and ends at 3:15pm. Please ensure that your child is here on time every day.
- Every day is vital – please make sure that your child does not miss school unless they are seriously unwell. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please let the school office know if your child is absent.
- At school we are working hard to promote hand hygiene so that we can stay safe and well. Please continue to promote these behaviours at home.
- Our school uniform is important – please make sure your child is wearing the correct clothes and shoes, and that they have the correct PE kit. Please ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is named with a sewn on label or permanent pen.
- PE lessons will take place on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Please bring your child to school wearing their PE kit on these days.
- Your child will be set home learning every Friday which should be completed by the following Wednesday.
- Reading books will be changed on Wednesdays and Fridays. Reading Folders need to be brought in every day.
- Your child is expected to bring a book bag and book to school every day so that letters and books can be brought home for you and your child to read.
- It is vital that you take a few minutes to read with your child as often as possible. Your child will be bringing a reading book home to read daily, along with a reading diary for you to record any comments about their reading.
- We are always looking for ways to improve our school – please feel free to contact Ms Kelly at skelly@academy.thomas-s.co.uk if you have any ideas or suggestions or if there is an issue you would like to discuss.

Key Dates:

- Week of 28th September– Harvest Collection
- 16th October– Thomas's Outdoor Department activity day
- WB 19th October– Parent Meetings via Zoom
- 26th–30th October– Half Term
- 2nd November– INSET
- 3rd– 4th November– Sikhism Focus Days
- 13th November– BBC Children in Need
- 30th November– Thistle House to wear Blue
- 11th December– Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- 18th December– Last Day of Term (2pm finish)

Thomas's Academy

Year 1 Topics, Autumn

I Wonder How Big Our World Is?



Our world is made up of five oceans and seven large areas of land we call continents. Each of these continents contain countries, habitats, cultures. We live in England, part of the UK. Even across the UK there are differences in the ways people live and travel.

From A to B

Every day people all over the world make different types of journeys – on land, on sea and in the air. To make these journeys we have invented lots of different ways of getting from A to B.



The adults working in our class are:

Miss Fraser – Class Teacher

Miss Sam – Learning Support Assistant

Miss Mia– Student Learning Support Assistant

Miss Anna– Learning Support Assistant

You can speak to us at the end of each school day in the playground or you can contact us through the school office by calling 0207 736 2318 or by sending an email to y1@academy.thomas-s.co.uk



What will we be learning?

I Wonder How Big Our World Is?

We'll be discovering that:

- There are four countries that make up the United Kingdom. They are England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- The highest mountain in the UK is Ben Nevis.
- The longest river is the River Severn, flowing through England and Wales.
- Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica and Australia are the seven continents.
- The world's five oceans from smallest to largest are: the Arctic, Southern, Indian, Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

From A to B

We'll be finding out:

- About transport in the past.
- How to make a timeline to show when different types of transport were invented.
- How children around the world travel to school.
- How transport used in the past compares to transport used now.

In **PE**, we'll be playing football and focusing on our ABCs (Agility, Balance and Coordination)

Our **RE** focus this term is Sikhism

In **Music**, we'll be exploring pitch and rhythm and performing music to the correct tempo, as a group.

In **Character Curriculum** we'll be learning about the Zones of Regulation and how to develop positively during post-Lockdown.

In **English** we will be:

Starting our new Talk4Writing book; *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse* by Charlie Mackesy. We will be using this book to help us write a cake recipe to give to mole. In writing, students will be learning how to join their words together to write a sentence. We will be focusing on neat letter formation, and using full stops and capital letters. The children will also be learning about adjectives and how to use them.

We will then be looking at *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers to help us to describe a story setting.

In **Maths** we will be learning about:

Autumn1: Numbers to 10, Addition and subtraction within 10

Autumn 2: Shapes and patterns, Numbers to 20 and Addition and subtraction within 20

In **Spanish**, we'll be finding out:

- About greetings
- Numbers to 10
- How the Spanish celebrate Christmas

In **Computing**, we will be introducing Seesaw and learning how to use it independently in our learning.

In **Art** we will be investigating mark making and looking at the work of Wassily Kandinsky to explore primary and secondary colours. We will then be looking at illustrators and illustrating our own stories. In the second half of term we will be painting self portraits and inventing vehicles.

Parent support in these lessons

We know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the learning they have done and let them teach you.

Talk about where your family come from, whether this be a different country, or somewhere else in the UK and talk about the languages spoken, what the habitat and culture is like there.

If you have any skills or knowledge related to these topics that you would like to share, please do let us know!