

Reminders for this term:

- The school day starts at 9am. Please ensure that your child is here on time every day. Pick up time is 15:15.
- Every day is important – please make sure that your child does not miss school unless they are really unwell. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please let the school office know if your child is absent.
- School Uniform – 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 labelled.**
- PE lessons will take place on **Monday and Friday.**
- Home learning – children need to complete one Maths and one English task per week in the **CGP** books, complete Ed Shed assignments and a topic task via Seesaw.
- Reading books will be changed once a week. Please ensure your child is reading daily (record in reading record).
- Spellings—children will have 8 spellings to learn each week. Spelling test every Friday.

Key Dates:

- Week of 28th September— Harvest Collection
- Week beginning 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 Two 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 Chaffer – Class Teacher
Miss Karima— Learning Support Assistant
Miss Marnie— Learning Support Assistant

If you have any questions please speak to us at the end of the school day in the playground. To contact the school office please call 0207 736 2318 or send an email to y2@academy.thomas-s.co.uk

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.
- How transport used in other countries compares to transport used here.

Art Skyscape observations. Constable landscapes. Polygon patterns. Berthe & Monet gardens. Role of interior designer. Pointillism. Klimt apple tree painting. David Hockney 'Splash.'

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

- Exploring pitch and rhythm
- Performing music to the correct tempo, as a group

Our **RE** focus this term is **Sikhism**

(Tuesday 3rd and
Wednesday 4th November)

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

football and focusing on our **ABCs** (Agility, Balance and Coordination)

In **Computing**

We will be introducing keyboard and mouse skills and learning how to use Seesaw.

In **English**

We will be reading the book 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse' by Charlie Mackesy.

In the book the Mole loves cake so we will be learning how to write instructions to make a cake for Mole. The children will learn all the different features of instructional writing (imperative verbs, time connectives, adverbs, numbers in a list and subheadings).

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

- Exploring 2-digit numbers by grouping in tens
- Identifying tens and ones in a 2-digit number
- Partitioning 2-digit numbers
- Reading and writing numbers to 100 in words
- Comparing numbers to 100
- Ordering numbers to 100
- Exploring number patterns
- Adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers using our number bonds to 20

In **Spanish**, we'll be learning:

TOPIC 1: Introductions

Greet people in Spanish. Ask and answer what is your name?

Listen and respond to classroom instructions.

TOPIC 2: Los Numeros

Count numbers 0-20

TOPIC 3: La Navidad

Learn and appreciate the culture.

How the Spanish celebrate Christmas

Parent support

We already know the interest you take in your child's work. If you can, please discuss with your child the work they have done as the term progresses and let them discuss the learning with you. If your child has some work to research, please help them, but without actually doing the work.

Please talk with your child and encourage discussions about the world.

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