



# Welcome to Thames Class

## Summer Term 2024!

I saw you all arriving in the pouring rain on Monday morning, and thought, 'This is meant to be the Summer term!' In any event we have so enjoyed welcoming Thames Class back to school this week, and they have shown that they are ready for the challenges lying ahead.

**Breaking News!** We are hosting a student teacher, Miss Evans, this term and until the 26<sup>th</sup> June. She is on placement from Oxford Brookes University.

### Weekly activities

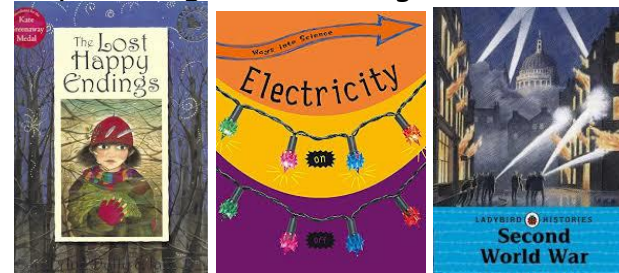
**Mondays and Thursdays remain our PE days here in Thames.** The focus this term will be on the skills needed to play rounders! (I'm thinking of forming a rounders team that we might challenge another school to a friendly game! Are there any parents who could help do some training? Let me know!) So, on Mondays and Thursday children should come to school wearing PE kit.

**Wednesdays:** Maths enrichment sessions at Radley College will continue this term - our Y6 SATS students will benefit from 1:1 mentoring but all will receive support. The children are really benefitting from this mentoring opportunity. Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat for the walk over to Radley College on wet days.

### Learning during the Summer Term

Our curriculum topic this term centres around 'Britain at War' and how we in Oxfordshire responded. We'll be exploring this topic through our history, geography, art and music lessons. We also recommence Spanish this term! Bien! Wait! There's more! We have visits planned from Rosie Stancer - the inspirational polar explorer, the Oxfordshire Fire Service, the 'Injury Minimisation Programme' - as well as, of course, going to Kilvrough for our residential! Wait - there's more! We will all be singing 'There'll be blue birds over the white cliffs of Dover' in our WW2 themed class play on the 10th and 11th July!!

Our literacy text this half term, '**The Lost Happy Endings**' by Carol Ann Duffy, will help us focus especially on producing some amazing narrative writing. Stay tuned!



In science, our topic is 'electricity' and our 'sciencey' friends at Radley College will be giving us an 'Electric Road Show' on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April - looking forward to that! In maths, our focus will be on calculating the perimeter and area of shapes and more work on measurement and volume, and of course, lots of revision as we move forwards towards SATs. So, a packed and exciting curriculum this term!

## Values, RE and PSHE

Our value of the term is respect and we will be thinking about what this value means to us and how we can show it in our lives.

In RE, we will be focusing on understanding Christianity.

In PSHE, we will continue to follow the Jigsaw scheme. Our topics this term are "relationships" and "changing me", as well as the relationships and sex education (RSE) curriculum.



## Home Learning

Home learning activities will follow a similar pattern to last term. We are however encouraging the children to "raise their game" as the Year 5s approach Year 6, and the Year 6s prepare for SATs and secondary school!

- Daily reading
- Weekly question about reading to discuss on Google Classroom
- A focus on a maths, literacy and our topic for our Y5 students.
- Y6 students will focus on SATs related homework.
- Times table practice is always useful too!

## Staying in touch

Please do make contact with us through the school office or at the end of the school day if you have any questions or if you would like a conversation.

If you feel that there are any areas of this term's curriculum that you may be able to contribute to, please let us know. We always appreciate help with hearing children read.

## SATs Club (Year 6)

SATs Breakfast Club continues every Wednesday and Friday from 8:15 am and all Year 6s are welcome for this extra boost! We serve a chocolate brioche and drink to keep us going!

SATs tests take place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. We will be sending out a separate letter with information about how you can support your child in the run-up to and during these tests.

Thank you as always for all the support that you give with your child's learning. We send you and your families our very best wishes for Summer 2024!