

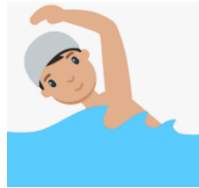


## Welcome to Thames Class!

It has been great to welcome Thames Class back to school and we are so pleased to be their teachers this year! The children have returned to school with a really positive attitude and have shown that they are keen to aim high!

Mr Wolstenholme will teach the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Quigley on Thursdays and Fridays.

### Weekly activities



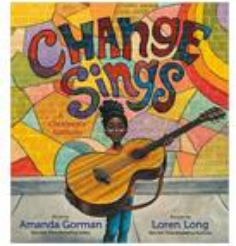
**Mondays:** Swimming at Radley College, starting on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September**. Children will need a swimming kit including towel and swimming hat. Goggles can also be worn if you have given consent

**Wednesdays:** Maths enrichment sessions at Radley College, starting in a few weeks. As the weather becomes colder and wetter (hard to imagine at the moment!) your child will need a warm/ waterproof coat.

**Thursdays (no longer on Wednesdays):** PE lesson with Olly Kearney. Children should come to school wearing PE kit and they will also need their trainers.

### Learning during the Autumn Term

We are starting our learning with a two-week focus in literacy on the book *Change Sings* by Amanda Gorman. You are warmly welcomed to our whole school poetry recital **at 2:30 pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September!**



In science, our topic is the circulatory system, and as you will have seen in the letter, we have a trip planned to Abingdon School science labs on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September** to investigate this topic.

The week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September is a Music Flood week, kindly organised by Radley College. The children will have many different musical experiences, and will be singing in Abingdon Market Square on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**.

In maths, we will be learning about place value, calculating, fractions and decimals.

We will be focusing on two texts in literacy: *Windrush Child* by Benjamin Zephaniah and *Leila and the Blue Fox* by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. These books explore the theme of journeys and migration.

Our history topic is on the African kingdom of Benin. We will also be learning about colonisation and the slave trade. Look out for information about our trip to the Pitt Rivers Museum on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Values, RE and PSHE

Our value of the term is Relationships and we will be thinking about how we can show this value in our lives.

In RE, we are starting by looking at Islam, then moving on to Understanding Christianity after half term.

In PSHE, we are beginning with a focus on Being Me In My World from our Jigsaw scheme.



## Home Learning

We hope you were able to share your thoughts on Home Learning at the meeting or via email. More information on home learning expectations will be coming out at the end of week 2! Keep reading at home in the meantime!

## Staying in touch

We are planning to hold a meeting after school on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** to give you more information about what to expect in Thames Class, and to answer any questions you have.

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 particularly need help with hearing children read.

Thank you for all the support that you give with your child's learning. We look forward to seeing you soon!