



Townhill Junior School Newsletter - October 2024

Welcome to our school newsletter



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Welcome

It has been a long and extremely busy first half term at TJS and I am extremely grateful for the help and support of everyone who has helped to make my first half term as Head such an enjoyable success. It was great to see so many of you at Parents Evening over the past week and the attitude and application of the children has been exemplary throughout. They are a real credit to both their families and their teachers and I am sure you are as proud of them as we all are.



We have already seen so much learning and many great achievements across the school. Our Year Three children have settled in brilliantly, with exemplary behaviour and were rightly praised by members for the public as they explored the local area in their geography learning. Year Four are now European experts and have further explore on the Green Ship producing some excellent narratives. Year Five have travelled back in time to Anglo-Saxon England, where they have produced some fantastic writing linked to Beowulf. Year Six have been exceptionally resilient, completing the Go Ape challenge and have shown a real talent for writing in their narratives based on the book Then.

As ever, I am incredibly proud of how hard all the staff have worked to support our children. This half term we have been really focussed on the children's resilience and in assembly we have spoken about the importance of "new mistakes" and not giving up with a related song by Shakira.

Remember: you can find all the details of what your children will be learning in our weekly newsletters and on the Curriculum section of the website:

<https://www.townhilljuniorschool.co.uk/topic/curriculum>

In sport, our lower school athletics team has been very successful becoming City Champions at the City Indoor Championships and our football teams have had some pleasing results and improving performances.

Have a restful and safe half term and we cannot wait to welcome you all back in a week's time.

Mr Humphries



Wonderwall

Huge congratulations to our Wonderwall winners who were announced in assembly this morning and chosen by their teachers for their hard work over the term. The recipients were as follows:

3G: Olivia

3O: Heritage

4P: Herkus

4T: Finley W

5I: Phoebe

5OH: Oliver S

6C: Yuting

6I: Sydney

6S: Is'Haq

Sport: Yuting



Sports Values Awards

Our sporting values were celebrated in assembly on Monday and our first award winners of the year were:

Best Dressed: 6S

Passion

Kelly-Jo – 4P

Molly – 5OH

Oliver – 6S

Teamwork

Louis – 3G

Sienna – 5OH

Tommy – 6S

Determination

Kaya – 3T

Jaxon – 4G

Callum 6S

Self-belief

Sasha – 3G

Jesaiah – 4T

Nella – 6O

Honesty

Penny – 3G

Peterclever – 5I

Cody – 6S

Respect

Alfie – 4T

Elsie – 4T

Yuting – 6C



Times Tables Rocks Leaderboard

Rank	First Name	Class	Correct answers
1	Jaivon	4T	19146
2	Forester	6S	12736
3	Yuting	6C	10881
4	Tawfiq	5I	9401
5	Lily	5OH	7642
6	Heritage	3T	5855
7	Idah	5OH	4489
8	Paul	6S	4194
9	Rhema	3T	3888
10	Cohen	4T	3169



20th October - 24 October 2024					
4T	796	3T	405	6C	209
20th October - 24 October 2024					
6C	420	4P	199	3G	191
20th October - 24 October 2024					
6S	761	5OH	751	5I	456

Class Competitions:

Well done to: 4T, 6S and 6C

Over half term it will be year group battles again!

Boom Reader

Class	Most Reads
3G	Aoife
3T	Penny
4P	Leo
4T	Connor P
5I	Kara
5OH	Matilda
6C	Denys
6O	Thea
6S	Eli
Class Winner	4P



Spelling Shed

Rank	Pupil	Class	Score	Total Score
1	Charis M	4P	14,986,722	38,680,072
2	Janelle O	3G	13,248,952	28,510,806
3	Tawfiq R	5I	8,102,226	17,723,093
4	Alexandra P	5I	6,599,714	180,834,630
5	Raena S	3G	5,282,907	17,034,019
6	Kaya C	3T	5,002,812	9,903,430
7	Louis H	3G	2,765,470	3,097,568
8	Iliana H	4P	2,057,134	9,622,677
9	Joanne O	3T	1,452,398	3,190,587
10	Hope N	4P	1,379,546	1,499,546



School Fundraising Committee

The School Fundraising Committee (SFC) are busy preparing for the Disco's on Friday 15th November. We are very keen for new members to support our fundraising and help run their events. Please let Mr Humphries know if you are interested.

If you or your business would be interested in sponsoring school events or providing equipment or resources for our events please let Mr Humphries know.



House Points

Throughout the half term, the children have enjoyed competing as a house and collecting house points by demonstrating the school's learning values and following the three school rules. Additionally, children can also gain house points for participating in TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Boom Read - the children with the highest participation rates earn their house a house point; and children with most reads in their class will also earn a house point.

The House Sports Cup has begun with football in the Muga and points were allocated based on team success.

The winning house each week gets one point on the main assembly board and over the 8 weeks of term so far, the leading house is Emerald who are 2 points clear. The current points total for each house stands at:

House	Total Points
Sapphire	2
Emerald	4
Ruby	2

Our Houses



Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have one parent governor vacancy and we would love to hear from you if you would be interested in supporting the school in a governor capacity. Meetings are on Monday evenings through the year, with two meetings per half term. If you would like to express your interest please email: info@townhilljuniorschool.co.uk.



E-Safety

Following Parents Evening, there were a number of parents discussing e-safety so we will be starting to send home regular e-safety bulletins and updates. Attached to the newsletter is some age-related guidance for you to look at and discuss as a family. We would urge you to check the apps and downloads that your child has on their devices and ensure your security settings are age appropriate.



Feedback

I will shortly be sending out our annual parent survey for you to complete. As always we are grateful for your views and use this feedback to make changes and improvements so please complete this if you have the time.



Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1



What a fantastic start to we have had to Year 3! We are so impressed with how your children have transitioned to life at TJS, most of them taking it in their stride and throwing themselves in to the opportunities which have arisen: clubs, school council and litter picking to name a few! The weather held off for our Geography fieldtrip-based walk around the local area, allowing us to explore human and physical features in the sunshine. Thank you too for those who attended parent's evenings this week - it was lovely to finally meet you all properly! After 8 weeks of hard work, everyone is definitely ready for half term, so we hope you have a lovely week making family memories. See you on the 4th of November! The Year 3 Team.

What we have been learning this term:

- Maths = Place value of 3-digit numbers and column method of addition and subtraction.
- English = Non-chronological reports on magical creatures; re-writing 'The Three Little Pigs'; skills including speech, commas in a list, paragraphing, expanded noun phrases and adverbs.
- Guided Reading = fluency and discussing the poems of Joshua Seigal.
- Geography = Our local area in which we have used a range of fieldwork skills (land-use surveys, sketching, traffic surveys and map-reading).
- Spellings = ou making 'ow' and 'u' sounds, y making and 'i' sound. -sure and -ture words and the prefix 're'.
- Science = Forces and Magnets = parts of a magnet, magnetic materials, friction and gravity.
- Spanish = phonics and introductions.
- Art = fairy-tale illustrations where we have looked at primary and secondary colours using water colour techniques.
- Computing = networks – what is included and how they are connected.
- PE & Games = In PE the children have been doing gymnastics with the apparatus. In Games they have been focusing on football.
- RE = stories with a message in the context of Christian parables.
- PSHE = Being Me in my World – Who am I? How do I fit?
- Music = Ballads



Next half term, we will be learning...

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Learning</u>
Reading	Main texts: The Secret Diary of Jane Pinny & Oliver Twist and other great Dickens stories
Writing	Non-chronological reports and diary writing
Maths	Multiplication & Division and worded problems
Science	'Rocks and Soils'
PSHE	Celebrating Differences
RE	Angels
History	The Victorians
DT	Resistant Materials – creating Marble Mazes
Computing	Stop-motion animations
Music	Creating compositions
Spanish	Aprendo Espanol – greetings and colours
PE & Games	Dance & Basketball

Key Dates

4/11: Back to school

13/11: Cinema Trip (am)

15/11: School Disco (5pm)

21/11: Victorian School – come dressed as a Victorian child (if you wish)

22/11: Inset Day

w/b 25/11: Assessment Week

3/12: Parent helpers required for DT project (cutting wood) in 3T 1.15pm

10/12: Parent helpers required for DT project (cutting wood) in 3G 1.15pm

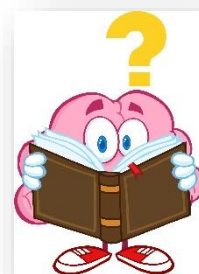
17/12: Church visit – 9am

Carols by Candlelight – 5pm

18/12: Christmas lunch

19/12: Parents are invited to join us for some festivities (time TBC)

20/12: End of Term



Home Learning

By now you should have received the necessary passwords for our online learning platforms: Boom Reader, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed.

Boom Reader – this is an on-line reading log, and does not have online books for your child to read. Once on the site all you need to do is log when your child reads. There is even the option to for children to log for themselves. This allows us to keep a record of the texts and genres each child reads. We would expect a minimum of 4 logs a week, this can be just parents, just children or a mix. It would be great if it was more – they may just be our weekly star reader!

TT Rockstars – On TT Rockstars there are a number of options to practise your times tables. Sound check is beneficial for practising against the clock in preparation for the Year 4 times table check. Or to get up the school leader board, choose Studio!

Spelling Shed – Once logged on your child should head to assignments where games have been allocated that match the current pattern / rule being learnt in school. We would expect the children to spend ten minutes, 4 x a week playing these games.

Any problems please speak to your child's class teacher.

This half term's optional home-learning project:

Find out all about Queen Victoria. Make a model or a poster to show us who she was and what she did.



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Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 1



What a brilliant start to the year we have had! The children have worked so hard with their learning – we are very proud of them!

What have we learned this half term?

In English, we travelled the world on the Green Ship and wrote our own narrative pieces about going to amazing islands.

In maths we have been working on our addition and subtraction, looking at different methods to get to the answer.

We have been exploring the continents of the world, countries in Europe and grid references.

In art we have looked at Van Gogh, and painted mountains using tertiary colours.

The focus for science this half term has been on animals and their habitats. We have classified animals into fish, reptiles, amphibians, mammals and birds. Additionally, we have written a non-chronological report about them.

Excitingly, we are now all computer whizzes and have a good understanding on internet content and copyright.

We also had a fantastic visit to Bitterne Library where the children got to use their new library cards and choose a book to read. All children should also now have a home book from the library which can be changed after school with an adult.



This half term's optional home-learning project:

Next half term we will be learning about biomes. Your task is to find out as much as you can about them; those of you who play Minecraft will already be experts. You can present your work anyway you like!

Next half term, we will be learning...

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Learning</u>
Reading	All about Everest
Writing	Persuasive adverts and newspaper articles
Maths	Multiplication and division
Science	Food chains, digestive systems and teeth
PSHE	Celebrating differences
RE	Holiness
History/Geography	Mountains and Europe
DT/Art	Creating a winter ornament
Computing	Audio entering
Music	Rock and Roll
Spanish	I know how to...

Key Dates

Tuesday 12th November: Cinema Trip (am)

Friday 15th November: Disco (5pm)

Friday 22nd November: INSET Day

w/b 25th November: Assessment Week

Friday 6th December: DT Day – sewing (parent help from 1pm)

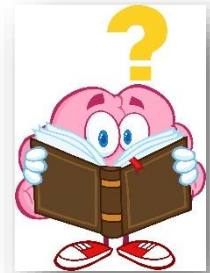
Tuesday 17th December: Church Visit (9am) & Carols by Candlelight (5pm)

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December: End of Term (3:15pm)

Monday 6th January: Start of Term & Ancient Greek visitor and engagement day

Tuesday 21st January: Temple visit



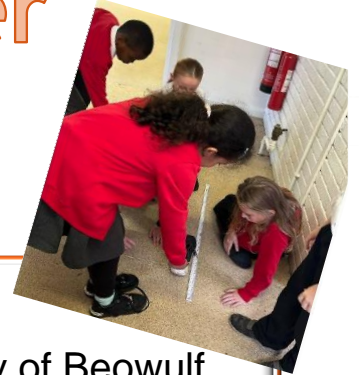
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Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1



What we have been learning this term:

- In English, we have immersed ourselves in the story of Beowulf. At the beginning of the half-term the children wrote diary entries from the perspective of Beowulf where they described their thoughts and feelings. We are ending the half-term writing formal letters in role as Grendel.
- In maths, we have covered number and place value, addition and subtraction and we have started multiplication and division.
- Our Anglo-Saxon unit in history has now come to an end; the children have enjoyed learning about the lifestyle of the Anglo-Saxons as well as looking at the reasons they arrived in Britain.
- We have been busy investigating forces in science. The children have been planning, carrying out and drawing conclusion for investigations on friction, air resistance, water resistance and buoyancy.
- The children produced some fantastic portraits in Art, the attention to detail was incredible and we are all really proud of the resilience they showed in these lessons.



This half term's optional home-learning project:

Next half-term we will be looking at space in Science, can you produce a model of the solar system? This could be 3D, it could be a drawing or even a presentation.

Next half term, we will be learning...

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Learning</u>
Reading	Main texts: The 1,000 Year Old Boy
Writing	Newspaper & narrative based on King Kong
Maths	Multiplication & division, graphs, fractions
Science	Space
PSHE	Celebrating differences
RE	Interpretation
History	Vikings
DT	Pop-up books
Computing	Vector drawing
Spanish	Presenting myself

Key Dates

Monday 4th November: Return to school
Thursday 7th November: Astrodome Planetarium
Monday 11th - Friday 15th November: Bike Week
Friday 22nd November: INSET day
w/b Monday 25th November: Assessment week
Monday 16th December: Outcome afternoon (details to follow)
Tuesday 17th December: Whole school church visit (9am)
Tuesday 17th December: Carols by Candlelight (5pm)
Wednesday 18th December: Christmas lunch
Friday 20th December: Last day of term

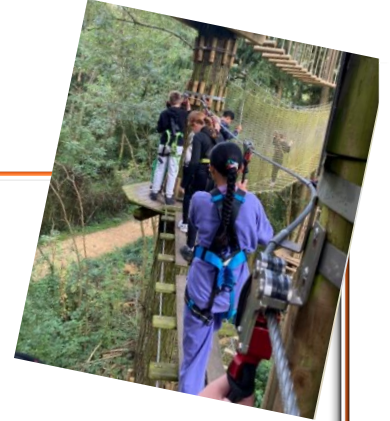


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Year 6 Newsletter

Autumn 1



What we have been learning this half-term:

- Year 6 have settled in so well to the new school year and did brilliantly at Go Ape!
- In English we have written narratives based on our book Then.
- We have learned about Place Value and the Four Operations in Maths. We are able to talk about numbers up to 10 million and use formal methods for multiplication and long division.
- Our Computing has focused on internet communication and Search Engines: ask us about web crawlers!
- In the wider curriculum we are learning all about WWII and are practicing popular songs such as We'll Meet Again.



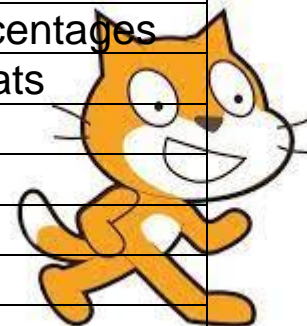
On the first Monday back (4th November) please be punctual. If you are coming to Stubbington go straight to the school hall with your suitcase.

This half term's optional home-learning project:

Please also keep going with Maths.co.uk, TT Rockstars (Soundchecks are really useful) and logging reading every day!

Next half term, we will be learning...

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Learning</u>
Reading	Main texts: Then and Macbeth
Writing	Macbeth – Persuasive letter, Newspapers
Maths	Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
Science	Living Things and their Habitats
PSHE	Celebrating Differences
RE	Prophecies
History/Geography	WWII
DT/Art	Art - Sculptures
Computing	3D Modelling – Tinkercad
Music	WW2 songs
Spanish	In the Classroom



Key Dates

Monday 4 th October	First day back at school. Stubbington children must be in hall by 8:45am.
Friday 8 th November	Stubbington children return
Friday 22 nd November	INSET
Monday 25 th November	Assessment week
Friday 6 th December	Sculpture Workshop
Friday 13 th December	Year 6 outcome afternoon
Tuesday 17 th December	Whole school church visit (9am) Carols by candlelight (5pm)
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th December	End of term (3.15pm)



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Adverts



THE CHOCOLATE ELF
COLLECTING ADVENT CALENDARS AND
SELECTION BOXES TO ENSURE EVERY CHILD IN
HAMPSHIRE HAS SOME CHRISTMAS MAGIC

**CHOCOLATE ELF
COLLECTION POINT**

LAST COLLECTION

THE CHOCOLATE ELF SUPPORTS CHILDREN'S HOMES, HOSPITALS
AND WOMEN'S REFUGE CENTRES ACROSS HAMPSHIRE



ASCENSION
**LIGHT
PARTY**

A LAND OF SNOW AND ICE

EXPECT GAMES, CRAFTS, FOOD AND
LOTS OF SWEETS AND PRIZES!

DRESS UP AS FROZEN, NARNIA, ICE AGE
AND OTHER POLAR THEMES!

THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER
4-6PM



BOOK YOUR TICKETS
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Sophie's Appeal
Invite you to
**HALLOWEEN
PARTY**
OCTOBER
31st
12-2pm



Fox and Hounds, Winchester
Road, Fair Oak, SO50 7HB

Tickets £10 per child
Includes entertainment by the amazing Crazy M.
Each ticket includes either Sausage & chips or Chicken &
chips and drink.
Pic and Mix sweet table, Lucky Dip.
Prize for best fancy dressed Boy and Girl.
Bar open to purchase extra drinks and food.
To purchase tickets visit:
bit.ly/HalloweenEvent2024

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