



April 2021

# The Thurleigh Times

**Hello everyone.** I hope that you have all been enjoying the beautiful sunshine recently. Fingers crossed it stays nice for this coming Bank Holiday weekend!

We are in to our third week of the summer term and already all classes are fully into the swing of their new topics. Oaks are learning all about travel and the seaside in their topic 'Amazing Adventures'. Willows are finding out all about 'Under the Sea'. Chestnuts are loving 'Invasion!' This is based around a multitude of invaders, including the Romans and Vikings. Ash are enjoying their topic on Ancient Greece – 'Who Puts the Game in Gaming?' If you would like to see an overview of your child's learning for this term, you can find all curriculum maps on our school website [www.thurleighprimary.uk](http://www.thurleighprimary.uk) Just click on the 'Our Learning' tab – click 'Curriculum Overview & Our creative Curriculum Approach' – then select the year group you require.

## Communication

We are in the process of setting up **Class Blogs**. Each class will have their own blog, the content of which will be led by the children...so expect an exciting (and honest) account of what they are learning and how they are feeling about their week. The blogs will be located on the school website on the 'News and Events' tab. We will let you know when this is up and running.



# welcome to Our Blog!

Remember also that we now have a **Thurleigh Primary Facebook**.

Our school website [www.thurleighprimary.uk](http://www.thurleighprimary.uk) has all the latest information for you. You can find our school calendar of events, latest news, term dates, gallery photos and newsletters under the 'Latest News' tab.

## Captain Tom's Birthday

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April would have been **Sir Captain Tom Moore's 101<sup>st</sup> birthday**. In memory of this amazing man, we will be celebrating his life and the inspiration he has given us all in the past year.

Mrs Spinelli had mentioned that it would be lovely to have a reflection area on the school field, so we began to form a plan. We have purchased a beautiful wooden bench and trellis, which the children will be able to hang 'thoughts' from and sit on the bench when they feel they would like some quiet time.

On Friday, the children will spend part of the morning preparing for an Afternoon Tea that we will enjoy in the afternoon to celebrate Captain Tom's birthday.



## The Big Ask

Rachel de Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England, has the job to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.

She says ***"It's time to give something big back to young people after COVID — and we need your help to do it. This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives."***

This survey will only take you 5-10 minutes to complete and is a very important opportunity for children to have their say. If you would like to take part, follow the link then select the appropriate year group:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

For more information on the Big Ask, view the following BBC Newsround link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/56783955>



## Robotics Workshops

Last week we were visited once again by 'Prepare Robo Ltd' for some excellent Robotics Workshops. Year groups 1-6 had a tailor-made session on programming and building Lego Mindstorm robots. Karol Langer, who runs each workshop, commented on how the children had remembered skills from prior sessions and were now able to build on previous knowledge.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and it was amazing to see how much was achieved in the space of each 2 hour slot. A variety of robots were moving around the classrooms following commands, which had been programmed by the children.

Our aim is to run these workshops termly so that all children learn a range of engineering, technology and coding skills throughout their time at Thurleigh, each new session building on prior knowledge.



## Seesaw, Purple Mash and TTRockstars

Teachers will continue to set homework tasks and independent activities via Seesaw and Purple Mash.

Additionally, we will continue to set 'battles' within TTRockstars, for Willow, Chestnut and Ash classes. This has been extremely successful during the home learning and we cannot stress enough, how important it is for children to be secure in their times tables for all aspects of the Maths curriculum, as it underpins most of what we will be teaching them.

If anyone has lost their log in to any of these learning resources, please do ask your class teacher. In addition, if anyone would like some additional support or have a question to ask, we are always very happy to help.

**Please note:  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
will be a training day.**



## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Virtual Museum Visit</b>
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Captain Tom's birthday</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>YR&amp;Y1 Hearing Screening</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Break the Rules Day Break up for half term</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET day – training day for school staff</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Children return today</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July &amp; Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y6 Sharnbrook Induction Days</b>
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Break up for the summer holidays</b>

## Safeguarding Reminders

At Thurleigh Primary we take safeguarding very seriously, so to ensure the safety of every child in our care, we would like to remind you of the following:

- Please notify the school on 01234 771252 by 9.30am if your child will not be in.
- If you are not going to be the person picking up your child from school please remember to let us know in advance.
- Please remember to leave the yellow zig-zag lines at the front of the school clear at all times and avoid parking outside the school to avoid congestion.

If you see or hear anything that concerns you whilst at school please talk to the class teachers or contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads. Designated Safeguarding Leads for the Kymbrook and Thurleigh Federation - Mrs Kathy Augustine, Mr George Cole and Mrs Rachel Smith (based at Kymbrook site).

**Remember that safeguarding is everyone's business.**

Thank you for your support.

