

Phonics and reading

In the mornings, we have a phonics session. This helps us to read and write words. In this lesson, the children will practise tricky words, learn new sounds and practise these within words and sentences.

In the afternoons, we have a reading session, where we either read our own book or read together as part of a small group, with the teacher. The teacher asks us questions to help us understand what we have read and to find out what we think about the book.



Homework

Children will be given homework each Friday, which needs to be handed in on the following Wednesday. The children will be able to choose from a selection of nine activities related to the term's learning.



How you can help

Ensure your child reads to you for at least 10 minutes every night and that you record this clearly in their reading record books. Ask your child questions to develop their understanding.

Read stories, rhymes and poems to and with your child.

Visit the library together and find books about the class topic.

Provide opportunities for your child to write.

Please check your child's book bag every day for school letters, homework and pictures etc. The book bag should always contain a reading book and reading record and a home school contact book. Each Friday, the children will bring home a school library book, which they may keep until the following week, when they will return it and choose a new one.

After use, please ensure the contents are replaced in the book bag and that your child brings their book bag into school every day.



Welcome to Thinkers Class

Information for parents
Glenfield Primary School
Autumn 2017



Ourselves and our school

Teacher

Mrs Bhamra

Teaching Assistants

Miss Hill, Mrs Smith, Miss Sutton

In English this term we will be learning about a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

In fiction, we will be focusing on:

- Stories with familiar settings
- Traditional tales

In non-fiction, we will be focusing on:

- Labels, lists and captions
- Recounts
- Instructions



In maths we are learning:

- Numbers and counting
- Adding and subtracting
- Measurement – length, mass and time
- Shape



We are learning lots of new, interesting topics this term:

Science



Animals including humans – Draw and label animals and humans, name body parts and identify the senses. Know what they need to survive, how they grow and the life cycle.



Geography

Our school – make and use maps with keys, identify geographical features in the school grounds.



History

The Fire of London and the Gunpowder Plot.



Computing

E-safety – learning how to stay safe on the internet.

Mouse control

Word processing

PSHE – social skills for making and keeping

friends, staying safe and being healthy.



Art



Painting – looking at work by different artists and mixing colours.



Design and Technology

Food technology – cooking, using a range of equipment and techniques. Learning about the origins of our food, health and safety and hygiene.



Religious Education

Christianity – people and places that are special to us.



Physical Education

Gymnastics and Dance – indoor.

Games – outdoor.



Music - 'Hands, feet and heart'