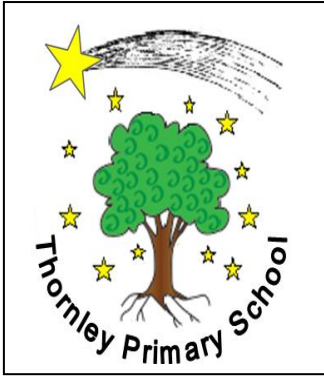


Welcome to Year 1



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am your child's teacher this year and my name is Miss Baird. Mrs Stokoe will work within the class throughout the week and Mrs Laws will support the class on a Thursday and Friday. The best way to contact me at school is through Dojo. You can also contact me through email (r.baird300@durhamlearning.net) or by phoning the school.



PE

Your child will have P.E on Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon. The school P.E kit consists of white shorts, blue t-shirt and black plimsolls (for indoor P.E) and trainers (for outdoors). P.E kit must be brought in on a Monday morning and will be returned for washing on a Wednesday. Jewellery must be removed for any sport (earrings which cannot be removed must be taped over.) A school P.E kit can be bought from the school office.



Class Dojo

We love using Class Dojo! If you haven't got an account and would like one, please contact us at school. It is a simple way to communicate smaller issues and find out more about what is happening at school.



Class Seesaw

Class Seesaw is an excellent way for the children to record their own learning in class. We use it a lot in other subjects too! You will receive further information and a consent form.



Homework

Reading: Please encourage your child to read every day. We will listen to your child read at least once per week. In addition to reading, your child will be given weekly English or Maths homework on a Thursday and it will be due in on the following Wednesday.

Phonics Screening Check

Year 1 will be expected to take part in a phonics screening check in the summer term.

The phonics check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt phonic decoding and blending skills to an age-related standard. The screening check contains 40 words. Each child will sit one-to-one and read each word to a teacher. The test will take approximately 10 minutes per child, although all children are different and will complete the check at their own pace. The list of words the children read is a combination of 20 real and 20 pseudo words (nonsense words.) You will be given your child's score in the end of year report.

Behaviour:

In Thornley Primary School our school motto is simple... "Work hard, be kind." We think that if we can all do this our school will be a happy and safe place. In our classroom, we have a Thornley Tree covered in stars. On each star is a face. When behaviour is good, we remain on our star on the tree and are rewarded with lots of praise, dojos for working hard and golden tickets for kindness.

Teachers will give us verbal warnings in instances of poor behaviour. If poor behaviour continues, our face is removed temporarily from the tree and we discuss why this has happened. We encourage pupils to think about their own and others feelings and ways to resolve the situation in order to get their face back onto the tree.

Our learning this year 2020/2021...

In order to keep our key tasks a surprise, the table below gives you an idea of what the main subject focus is for each half term. We will try to tell you more about our key tasks using Dojo!

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Book Topic	History	Geography	RE	Art and Design	The Arts