



All Things Thurlby

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Dear Parents

Home Learning After Half Term

We have had confirmation, from the government, that schools will not be fully open after half term. We understand how hard this lockdown has been for everyone. However, now that many children will still not be in school after half term, getting into a good routine with home learning is more important than ever. We do understand that each home situation is different but we will continue to make contact with you if we have not seen your child in remote lessons or if they have not submitted any work. These phone calls are of a supportive nature and are intended to help to find solutions. When the children eventually come back to school, we want them to have maintained good learning behaviours and accessed the learning on offer so that they don't fall behind. You may find these tips below helpful:

Top tips for parents for home learning:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/brooklandjuniorschoollondon/UploadedDocument/e552f0249dc24f0b9eefb6d4d4943890/top-tips-for-remote-learning-for-parents.pdf>

Top tips for children for home learning:

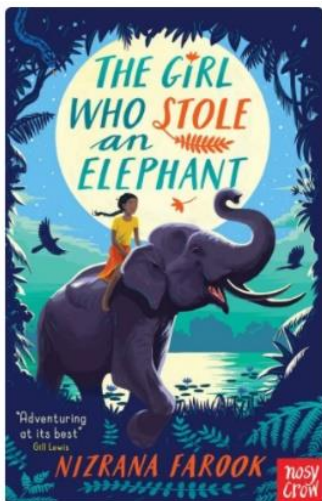
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Recommended Reads



Does your child have any books (fiction or non-fiction) that they really love to read or listen to someone read to them? If they do, please could you take a photo of them, anywhere they like, reading their book and email them to Miss Bright: kelly.bright@thurlby.lincs.sch.uk OR upload it to your child's Purple Mash folder.

We would love to include some of their recommendations in the newsletter each week to help give everyone inspiration for new books to read.



Oak National Academy Weekly Book

Every week, a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with a free book, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads. This week, you can read or listen to 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' by Nizrana Farook.





<https://library.thenational.academy/steal-an-elephant-with-nizrana-farook/>

"Chaya, a no-nonsense, outspoken hero, leads her friends and a gorgeous elephant on a noisy, fraught, joyous adventure through the jungle where revolution is stirring and leeches lurk. Will stealing the queen's jewels be the beginning or the end of everything for the intrepid gang?"

Story Readings

Books for Topics have collated some online story times for children to access freely at home. The QR codes and links below will take you to story readings on YouTube and all of the books they've chosen are read aloud by their fabulous authors and illustrators.

	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/3d4k85x	When a Dragon Comes to Stay Caryl Hart & Rosalind Beardshaw Storytime Read by Caryl Hart
	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/2W0HmJ5	Everybody has a body! Jon Burgerman Storytime & draw-along Read by Jon Burgerman
	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/3b7F85Z	We're Going on a Bear Hunt Michael Rosen & Helen Oxenbury Story Performance Read by Michael Rosen
	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/3h4kM	Stick Man Julia Donaldson & Axel Scheffler Storytime Read by Axel Scheffler

	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/3d4k85x	The Marvellous Moon Map By Teresa Heapy & David Litchfield Storytime & draw-along Read by Teresa Heapy
	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/3d4k85x	Elmer David McKee Storytime Read by David McKee
	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/3d4k85x	The Bumblebee Nadia Shireen Storytime Read by Nadia Shireen
	 SCAN ME https://bit.ly/3d4k85x	Once Upon a Wild Wood Chris Riddell Storytime (longer story) Read by Chris Riddell

Children's Mental Health Week 1st - 7th February



We are all so aware of our children's mental health during these extraordinary times.

As adults, our wish is to do all we can to help build their resilience and develop their confidence to deal with all types of challenges.

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity and shines a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is **Express Yourself**. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good. It's important to remember that being able to **express yourself** is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

Please follow the link below for more information and ideas -

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



Is it Time to Watch the Birds?

Spend an hour this weekend watching and counting the number of different species of birds in your garden. This year, the advice is to take part in the safety of your own home. This could include a birdwatch from your window if you overlook a green space or courtyard.

Encourage your child to choose how they would like to record their results e.g. drawing pictures, a tally chart, a list.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

School Lunches

For all of those attending school, the first two weeks of next term's packed lunches are now available to order on the Taylor Shaw website. We also now have additional baguette filling choices of ham and cheese and ham and cucumber.

Please note that due to the half term break, **Tuesday 9th February is the deadline** for ordering meals for the first week back after the break.

Curriculum Overviews - Spring Term 3 and 4 2021

Please see the Spring Term overviews on our website, link below. Please accept our apologies for the delay in bringing these to your attention.

<https://www.thurlby.lincs.sch.uk/page/11/year-group-termly-overviews>

SEN Resources

As a Multi Academy Trust, our Special Education Needs Coordinators (SENCOs) have put together a simple document with suggested strategies/activities which may support your child at home with the following:

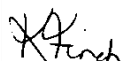
- Reading
- Writing
- Maths
- Speech and language
- Phonics/spelling
- Sensory needs
- Motor skills

This is on our website for anyone to access as some of these strategies/activities can be used for all children. The link to our SEN Resources page is below and the document can be found by clicking on 'Supporting your Child at Home'

<https://www.thurlby.lincs.sch.uk/page/49/sen-resources>

Critical workers

Covid cases are still quite high and we are working so hard to decrease the risk of transmission in school. If you are a critical worker parent and your work pattern changes, meaning that you no longer require a place on certain days for your child in school, please let us know by emailing enquiries or phoning the school office. Thank you!



Mrs K Finch
Head of School

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Thursday 4 th February -	Parents' Evening via Microsoft Teams
Tuesday 9 th February -	Parents' Evening via Microsoft Teams
Friday 12 th February -	End of Term 3
February 22 nd February -	Start of Term 4