

PE - This will take place on **Thursdays** with a focus on dance and the principles of play this term. Please send your child dressed in a blue t-shirt, navy shorts or leggings/tracksuit trousers, trainers and a Thrupp sports hoodie (optional) on these days. We will also be carrying out a 'Thrupp 10' daily physical activity, which will involve a range of different exercises, including yoga, dance and jogging. **Please make sure any hoodies and jumpers are named so it is easy for us to return them to you.**

Forest School - The children will be attending Forest School as a whole class, for 6 weeks, starting from Friday 5th September. Hawks Class will need to wear their own clothes to school each Friday, suitable for Forest School and appropriate for the weather. (Please see the separate 'Forest School Hawks' email, sent at the beginning of term, for full details).

Snacks/Drinks - The children will continue to be provided with one piece of fresh fruit or vegetable to eat. If they would like more than this, please send them in with an extra snack to put in their tray each morning. Please remember we are a **nut-free school**. Please also provide a **named** water bottle for each day.

Book Bags and Reading

Book bags need to be in school **every day** along with their reading book (once we have sent them home). Reading groups will commence from Monday 8th September. Reading records will be sent home with a list of the books the children will be reading this term complete with their Collins hub login where these books will be assigned for them to read online. **Remember Mon-Wed each week we will read with your child in school.** Their reading book will come home with them on a Wednesday and needs to be returned the following Monday for them to get a new book.

Please continue to support us by listening to your child read at home. If your child reads at home, they receive a sticker on their reading bookmark. Each 10 stickers earns them a prize. When their bookmark is full up, they receive a certificate in assembly. Please remember to write in their reading records; it is helpful for us to know how they're getting on at home with their reading.

We want to make sure your children are happy and continuing to love school, so if you have any questions or concerns, please speak to us at drop off or after school. Please also remember you can email us to ask or tell us anything (hawks@thrupp.gloucs.sch.uk). However, if it is urgent please ring or email the school office (admin@thrupp.gloucs.sch.uk 01453 883586).

Hawks Class Team

Thrupp Primary School



Information for Parents
Autumn 2025

Hawks

Miss Hodson (Monday & Tuesday)
Miss Payne (Wednesday - Friday)

Support Staff: Mrs Giles, Mrs Abel, Mrs Hepper

Dear Parents,

We hope you have had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to starting the new school year! We have an exciting term planned and cannot wait to get back to learning with all your wonderful children.

Celebrations - We will continue to use the brilliant book, star of the day, tree points and stickers to celebrate the children's achievements. We will also use our WOW vouchers to celebrate out of school achievements with Hawks and Kestrels on a Thursday.

English - Hawks will be taught this subject together as a class. We will start the term reading the text 'Be More Bernard' by Simon Philip and learning to write our own story opening, followed by writing a diary entry as Bernard. After half term we will read 'The Secret Sky Garden' by Linda Sarah, creating our own version of the story.

Year 1 will be learning to write sentences with more fluency and focusing on the use of capital letters and full stops. They will also learn to use 'and' to join simple sentences. **Year 2** will build on this and also learn to use commas in a list, as well as adding more detail to their writing with expanded noun phrases. They will also be taught how to use the conjunction 'and' as well as 'but', 'so' and 'or'.

Year 1 Phonics - The Year 1 children will all be taught phonics together with Miss Hodson and Miss Payne. We will begin by recapping their learning from Reception of phase 3 and 4 sounds, before moving onto phase 5. Phase 5 involves lots of alternative pronunciations for graphemes, for example 'ou' making the /ow/ sound in *cloud* and the /oo/ sound in *soup*.

Year 2 Phonics & Spellings - The Year 2 children will be taught by Mrs Giles on most days and Miss Payne on Fridays. We will be recapping phase 5 sounds this term to fully embed what the children began learning in Year 1. When ready, they will then move onto the 'Bridge to Spellings' lessons which teaches them to become more confident in spelling with accuracy using their phonic skills. The lessons teach spelling patterns, for example when to add the suffix -es and when to just add -s, or when to end words with 'ch' or 'tch'.

PSHE - The focus this term will be 'Me and My Relationships' and 'Valuing Differences', thinking about our feelings and recognising the special people in our lives. We will also explore friendships and what it looks like to be a good friend.

RE - This half term we will focus on Christianity, asking 'What do Christians believe God is like?' then after half term, beginning our learning about Islam, asking 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?'

Maths - This will continue to be taught in single year groups. **Year 1** will be taught by Miss Hodson and Mrs Giles this term. They will begin learning about place value before moving onto addition and subtraction. They will focus on numbers up to 20 initially then to 100; counting forwards and back, comparing numbers and reading and writing numbers. They will then learn addition and subtraction facts for numbers up to 10. **Year 2** will be taught by Miss Payne and Mrs Giles. They will also start the year learning about the place value of numbers, focusing on 2-digit numbers. This will include ordering and representing numbers to 100. They will then identify properties of 2D and 3D shapes before moving onto addition and learning various strategies for how to calculate efficiently.

Topic - Hawks Class topic this term is **Glorious Gloucestershire**. In History lessons we will be asking 'What makes Gloucestershire special?' learning about the woollen mills from the past and the impact the wool industry had on Gloucestershire, as well as key historical events such as The Battle of Tewkesbury. In Geography lessons we will be asking 'Why do people use maps?', learning to draw aerial maps of our classroom, school and even route to school.

Science - **Year 1** will be taught by Mrs Giles and will be answering the question 'Which parts of my body help me explore the world around me?' We will learn to label the different parts of our bodies and learn about the five senses and their uses. We will also be making comparisons and learning to record measurements in different ways. After half term Year 1 will ask 'How are animals similar and different to each other?' and learning the differences between carnivores, omnivores and herbivores.

Year 2 will be taught by Miss Payne and answering the question 'How can we keep our bodies and minds healthy?' by learning about the names of different food groups and what it means to eat a balanced diet. We will also be investigating the effects exercise has on our bodies and the benefits this has to our health before moving on to ask 'What do animals, including humans, need to survive and grow?'

Art - Hawks class will be exploring watercolour after half term, learning the special characteristics watercolours have and developing paintings based on what we see.

DT - Hawks Class will be designing their own nutritious smoothie, learning about characteristics of fruit and vegetables and how to prepare them to create their smoothies.

Music - Hawks Class will explore pulse and rhythmic patterns by listening to songs as well as using instruments including their voices. They will explore the difference between pulse and rhythm before creating their own rhythmic patterns.