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# English & Mathematics at Thorndown Primary School

## Looking Back at 2018!

### Writing

What a busy and amazing year we have had in English! The writing across all year groups has improved in so many ways with many fantastic pieces of work being produced. This has all been aided by the various themed days and trips that have occurred throughout the year such as: three themed writing days, Hilltop residential trip for Year Six, Viking Day in Year 5 and Castles Day in Year 1, our whole school art and history weeks and many more!

### Reading

The Scholastic Book Fair this year was the most successful ever at Thorndown, raising a record amount of money for our school. FOTS have kindly provided us with nearly 900 new books for Early Years and Key Stage 1, which has refilled the bookshelves and excited so many of the children with the huge array of new texts to read. An assembly was held recently to introduce and promote this year's 'Summer Reading Challenge' where children can go to their local library and sign up to the amazing challenge over the holidays with the target of reading one book every week for six weeks. Will you complete this challenge?

Visit the website below for further details or head to your local library:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

### Maths

We've had another exciting year of maths, which has been rounded off with some amazing success in both regional and national competitions. Earlier in the year, over 20 of our Year 6 pupils entered a national competition, run by the Maths Association. They had to answer some extremely challenging questions and three of them did so well that they were invited to take part in a final round. After attempting 20 additional questions, Liam and Filip achieved a bronze certificate and Ethan was awarded a silver certificate. What an achievement! Well done, boys!



As you may be aware, four of our Year 5 mathematicians entered the Cambridgeshire Maths Challenge. 200 schools entered and our team managed to win our local heat at Westfield. They then went on to join 35 schools at the final, which was held at Duxford Imperial War Museum. They had a great time solving problems and puzzles around the planes, and, although they didn't make the top three places, we are very proud of their achievements. Well done!

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Thank you again to everyone for all your wonderful support this year and for all of the kind donations and support to help the children of our school develop their skills in English and maths.



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Please encourage your child to read regularly each week and discuss what they are reading with them.

If your child would like to write something over the holidays to share

**Skoolbo and  
TTRockstars**

These two online resources will be available for children to use over the holidays. (There may be a brief time when the new classes are being updated that the games are offline). We hope that children will make use of them as they can really help retention of important knowledge and skills, which can be lost over the long summer break. Reception children will be given their passwords early in the new term.

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### REQUEST!

If you have any board games or dominoes that you have finished with, please send them into school. We can put them to very good use in helping develop our children's maths skills.

Many thanks!