



Year 3 & 4 Expectations

PE

In Year 3 & 4, you will do Physical Education twice per week. Your teacher will inform you of your PE days and you are expected to come to school in your PE kits on these days.



Thorndown PE kit is a white t-shirt with navy or black shorts and trainers. In winter, you will need a tracksuit to keep warm during outdoor PE and this should be in dark, plain colours. For safety, tracksuit tops without hoods are preferable. No jewellery can be worn and long hair must be tied back.

Reading



It is very important that you have your school reading book with you every day. As we are now using the BoomReader app, please log your reads on there. Your teacher will be keeping an eye on your logs and can help you put your books onto your BoomReader account if you are struggling with it. If you read at least 5 times a week at home, you will be entered into the Reading Raffle and will get a smelly sticker! Our scheme books are located outside the Year 3 classrooms and offer a variety of engaging books. For those of you that move on to

become free readers, each year group has a section in our Discovery Suite for you to choose from.

Each term, each class has a key text linked to their topic which makes up most of their whole class reading lessons. During these lessons the children will have the opportunity to read aloud with their class and be expected to answer questions using the ERIC skills of reading: explaining, retrieval, inference and authors choice.

The Year 3 & 4 Team have also put together 'Our Top Picks' which is a list of books we recommend you read while you are in Year 3 & 4. You can find this list in the 'Links & Resources' section.

Homework

While you are in Year 3 and 4, you will receive homework every half-term. This is often prior learning about the topic that you are about to start, to help you go into even greater depth in school and make memorable links with your learning. For instance, you might be asked to investigate what life was like in Britain before the Romans invaded to help you better understand the impact of the changes that occurred during the Roman Empire.



Doing daily activities at home (such as playing on Numbots or TTRS, practicing our focus spellings and reading your reading book) as well as completing your homework, will really support your learning in the classroom.

Your teachers are always available to help you with your homework if you have a question.

Pen Licences



At Thorndown, we teach you a pre-cursive style of handwriting from when you are in Key Stage One. By the time you are in Year 3 & 4, we hope that you have already developed a neat cursive style of handwriting and children that are demonstrating this consistently will be given a pen licence.

Despite some children in Year 4 already having a pen licence, we are reviewing this at the start of the year to make sure it is of a high standard. We will also continue to practise handwriting regularly to ensure this neat style continues across all of your work.

Crystal Code of Conduct

At Thorndown, we all follow our Crystal Code of Conduct for behaviour. We have 5 whole school rules that we try to follow at all times:

We are kind.

We are honest.

We are respectful.

We are safe.

We are resilient and try our best.

When you demonstrate behaviour that is over and above what your teachers and adults expect, you will be rewarded by moving up the crystal. This may include getting verbal praise, a smiley, a class voucher, a postcard from the Team Leader or a letter from the Head Teacher.

If you demonstrate behaviour that is not what your teachers and adults expect, you will unfortunately move down the crystal. This may include getting a verbal warning, 5 minutes of reflection time, 10 minutes of reflection time, 15 minutes with the Team Leader or a letter from the Head Teacher. We don't like children moving down the crystal so your teacher will look for opportunities where you are making good choices and may move you back up the crystal.

