



Respect – Responsibility – Resilience – Kindness – Teamwork

Mrs Thirkill's Blog 17.4.26

Good afternoon,

We've had a good first week back. Many of our nursery families have been delighted to hear that they have secured a place at our school for September. We look forward to welcoming children and families both old and new, into school.

I would like to draw your attention to our website which has such a wealth of information on. Please take the time to check there if you are ever looking for any information about our school. We have shared our curriculum documents so you can enjoy discovering the things your children are learning about.

We follow a programme for our PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education), called the Story Project. It's a fabulous programme and our children love it. Please ask them about it.

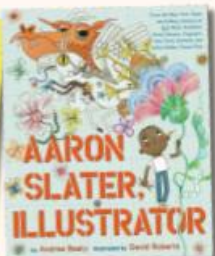
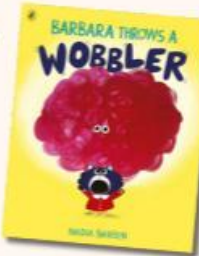


The STORY PROJECT

A guide for parents and carers

The Story Project is dedicated to helping children learn **wellbeing and literacy** skills through **the power of stories**.



The Story Project takes popular **children's books** and turns them into **engaging lessons**, so that schools can teach all skills in the PHSE and RHSE curriculum.



Topics, such as emotions, families, health, friendships and more, are explored in a way that allows children to develop **empathy and understanding**.



The lessons promote open discussion, making even complex subjects easy to process.

Over 90% of schools have seen an increase in their children's wellbeing.



Children love Story Project lessons!

They develop their **emotional vocabulary**, have a better **understanding of their own wellbeing** and are able to **talk openly about how they feel**.



If you have questions about The Story Project, please speak to your child's class teacher

Uniform

Another reminder please about uniform. Uniform creates a sense of belonging and pride. Most of our children are smartly presented each day, in the correct uniform. Please ensure your child has everything they need including black shoes. Children should not be wearing clothes with large brand logos on. Uniform creates equity between all children, and this is very important. If you are ever struggling to source the uniform items, you need please be aware of the uniform bank in Shipley or speak to myself.

<https://bso.bradford.gov.uk/news/24124-did-you-know-about-the-shipley-uniform-bank>

Safeguarding

We are a school who take safeguarding seriously. This week during one of our assemblies, we reminded them about our coloured lanyards system and our different alarms which we have in school. We have 2 alarms, one which is the fire alarm, which signals an evacuation. The children have very clear information about this. Our other alarm in our invacuation alarm which would signal to staff and children that we all need to be inside. At Hoyle Court, we call this the 'Goose on the loose alarm'. I have explained to the children that there may at some point be a time when we all need to be inside. I have explained that this could be a cross goose on the loose, an upset swarm of bees or any other reason we may need to come in. The children have heard both alarms and at staggered intervals throughout the year, we practice our response to the fire alarm and the 'goose on the loose alarm'. The children have a clear understanding of our safety drills.

Attendance

A great start with attendance this week. We had 3 classes with 100%! Please do everything you can to ensure your child is in school each day. Great attendance leads to lifelong success in careers. There is a proven correlation. Can we try to be above 96% every week in this half term?

Target 96%	Owls	Beech	Aspen	Sycamore	Ash	Hazel	Birch	Willow	Rowan	Oak	Maple
97.5	100	99.1	91.5	93.3	96.4	100	100	99.0	98.3	94.3	98.3

Summer 1	
Week 1	97.5
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Week 6	

Word of the week – integrity

Have a great weekend. Mrs Thirkill