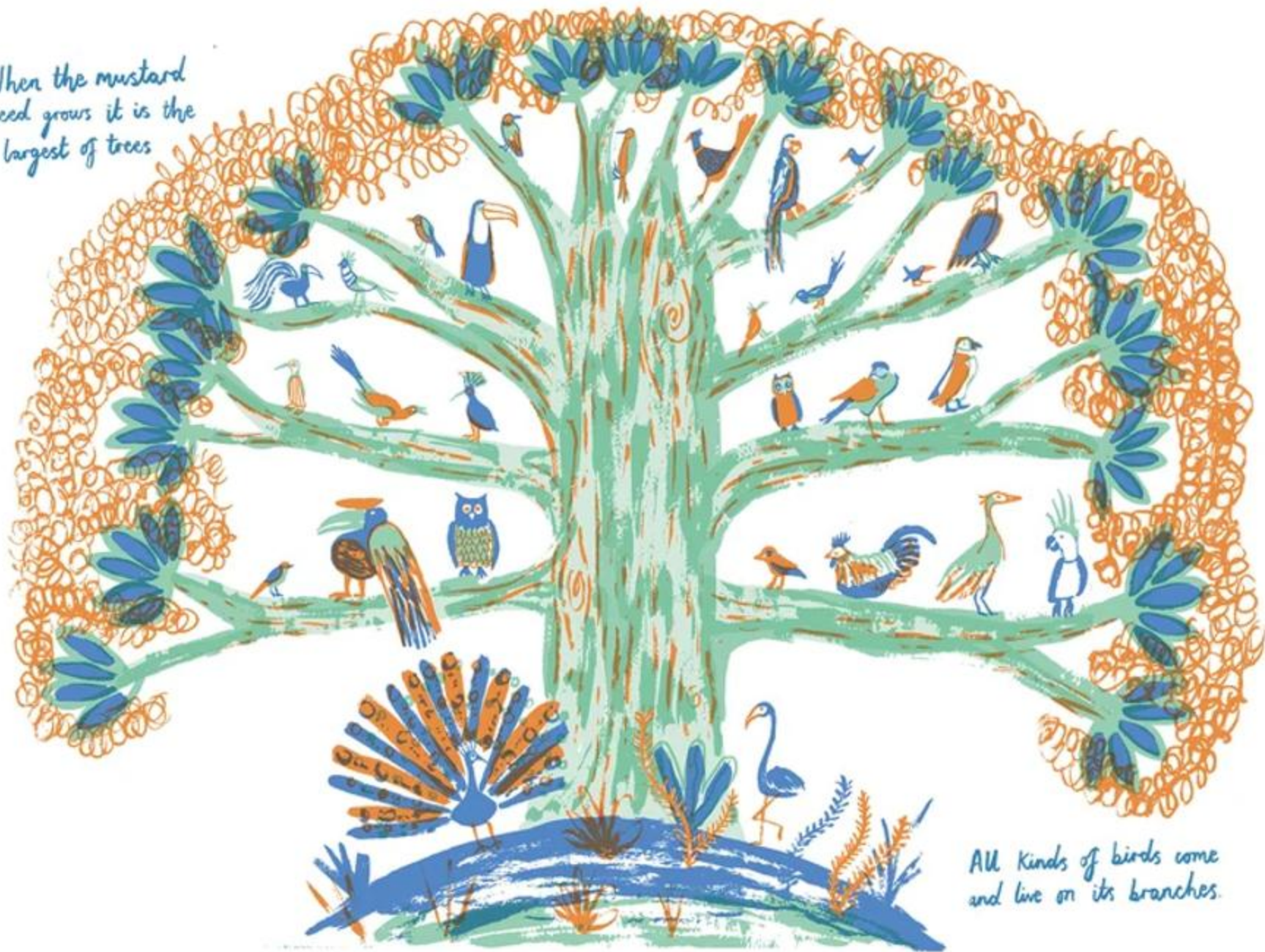




Nurtured we thrive

When the mustard
seed grows it is the
largest of trees



All kinds of birds come
and live on its branches.

FORGIVENESS

Letting go of
negative feelings
e.g. anger or blame

COMPASSION

Love in action



JUSTICE

Fairness

RESPONSIBILITY

Doing the things we
are supposed to do



Welcome to Year 1

Thurnham Church of England Infant School

Wednesday 9th September 2026

Questions

If you have any questions, please save them until the end when we will be happy to answer them.

There will be an opportunity at the end of the evening to speak to your class teacher 1:1.

Welcome Parents

Who are we?

What do we do all day?

Will your child have any homework?

How will you know how your child is getting on?

Is there anything else you should know?

Year 1 Staff

Year 1 Lead: Miss Saunders.

Orange Class: Miss Crew, Mrs Salvidge,

Yellow Class: Mr Journeaux, Mrs Brooker.

Red Class: Miss Saunders, Mrs Butcher, Mrs
Coltman and Mrs Soloman

Curriculum Goals

- We follow the National Curriculum for Year 1
- Details of what we are studying each term can be found on the school website - we send out a curriculum information letter.

What did you do today?

Change books. We return books on Wednesday and the children are given a new book on Thursday.

Phonics daily following Little Wandle scheme.

PE with Coach Colin on a Wednesday.

Writing is delivered through Pathways to Write scheme which is text based.

Maths is delivered following the White Rose scheme.

Second PE session: Monday for Orange class and Tuesday for Yellow and Red classes.

Worship is every day.

RE is taught from the Kent Agreed Syllabus.

Assessment

Pupils are assessed every term against the criteria for an Emerging, Expected or Greater Depth child in Year 1 and you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher three times a year to discuss your child's next steps. There will also be a formal report at the end of Year 1.

In June, all pupils in Year 1 across the country will undertake a Phonics Screening Check to assess their ability to decode real and nonsense words using their phonic knowledge. Another information session will take place in early Spring to discuss this with you.

Class Rules

We follow the school behaviour policy. We have three main rules that the pupils need to abide by:

Be safe, Be ready and Be respectful

Rewards: House points, stickers, VIP reward time, notes home to parents and Celebration Wall which includes an invite to sit on the special lunch table.

Sanctions: The Traffic Light System.

Get Involved!

Help for visits.

Friends of Thurnham.

Homework

Maths homework – Delivered through Doodle Learning

Phonics homework throughout the year

Daily reading, starting Thursday 17th September

Reading

The most important thing you can do with your child is read.

Children will bring home a reading book that is matched to their phonics ability on Thursdays. They should be able to read most of the book independently. They return these the following Wednesday to allow time for their teacher to choose another book.

Please do not send us videos of your child reading their book.

Please discuss the books and illustrations.

There is so much more to reading than just decoding... Please trust our professional judgement.

Things you might also like to know..

PE: Try to encourage your child to dress and undress independently at home so that they find getting changed for PE much easier. Children with shoulder length hair need to have their hair tied up for PE. Pupils need a house-coloured T-shirt, shorts and plimsolls for indoor PE and additionally, tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE - all in their named PE bags. Pupils need to be able to remove their own earrings for PE or come to school on PE days without earrings. PE days are Mondays (Orange Class) Tuesday (Red and Yellow Class), Wednesdays (Everyone).

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any concerns. It is best to send a short message on Seesaw or see us after we have shown all the children out at the gate.

Talking to your child about school

- What made you laugh today?
- Who did you sit with or play with at lunch?
- What was the hardest part of today?
- Did anything surprise you?