

Article 29: All children have the right to develop their talents and abilities.

Article 19: All children have the right to be safe.

Article 24: All children have the right to be healthy.

Article 31: All children have the right to take part in creative activities.

Year 1/2 Fundamental Movement Skills Coaching

FMS Coaching Fundamental movement skills are the basic movement patterns children learn through game-based approaches which develop the children's PE skills.

FMS includes children using their gross and fine motor skills to be active. This promotes children to develop efficient movements and develops the children's confidence and self-esteem, whilst having fun in their PE sessions.

During our PE sessions, Year 1/ 2 children have developed their basic spatial awareness skills and were given fun opportunities to be able to change direction as well as change speed, including starting and stopping. Year 1/2 children skills continued to develop through activities to perform a variety of balances with confidence and to follow instructions and take turns. In recent sessions, children aimed a ball to hit a target.

Physical: moving in different ways, running, hopping, tiptoes, jumping, changing directions, stopping, collecting, selecting balances. rolling aiming.

Social: co-operating, following instructions, working with a partner, following rules.

Cognitive: spatial awareness: Finding a space, selecting balances decision making, counting score, aiming tactics.

Healthy: understand the effects of exercise on the body.

The children have enjoyed taking part in physical activity and sport, in fun and engaging ways. All 1/2 staff and the coach have been impressed by their enthusiasm and fantastic efforts!

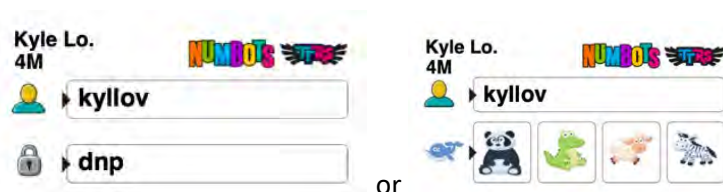
CRC Article 28: All children have the right to an education.

Every child has a right to education and Primary Education should be free.

At Timothy Hackworth Primary School, we subscribe to both the Times Table Rockstars and Numbots Maths programs. We use these in lessons to help with learning mental recall of Maths facts but they are **free for children to use at home on a mobile phone, tablet or laptop.**

Children have a unique login username and password/passcode which allows them access to both programs.

For example:



TTRS is designed to be used by children from Year 2 upwards. Children can practise their times table facts (both multiplying and dividing) and be set challenges by their teachers. Once children have mastered all their tables up to 12 x12 (an expectation for the end of Year 4) they can then be set further challenges such as the 20 or 25 times table and be encouraged to increase their 'Rock Speed'.



Numbots is designed to be used by children from Year 1 upwards and covers number bonds to 10, addition and subtraction of small numbers, doubling and then mental addition and subtraction with numbers up to 100. At Timothy Hackworth Primary School, all our Year 1 and 2 children are working through the 'Story Mode' levels from the start to earn stickers for their charts, however all children in Years 3-6 also have access to Numbots and can use it as much as they wish. 'Challenge Mode' is particularly good for practising mental recall.

We would love to see more of our children taking the opportunity to practise on both programs at home. If you have any questions about how your child can access at home, please contact their class teacher on Class Dojo or Mr Wadsworth (Maths Lead) via the School Office.

Our Year 1 visit to St. John's Church

This term, as part of our R.E learning, Year 1 went to visit St. John's Church. We wanted to learn about the key features in a church and whether we could identify some of the features we had explored in our R.E lessons. We know that churches are a sacred place and very special to Christians, so we showed our very best Rights Respecting behaviour. We developed our questioning skills and tried very hard to keep our questions and answers on topic.

We were given the opportunity to baptise a baby, (don't worry, we used a doll!) at the font, read stories from a children's bible and use the treasure hunt we were given to explore the church.

We were made to feel very welcome and thoroughly enjoyed our learning experience.



Article 14

Children have the right to think and believe what they want, and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Parents should guide their children on these matters.





The Attendance Working Party

I have met with the Attendance Working Party this term which consists of 10 children from Years 1 to 6. The group is a mix of those with exceptional, good and below expected attendance.

The aim of the group is to get a pupil's voice of things we do, could improve on, incentives, ways to improve attendance, attendance rewards and anything else school attendance focused.

We looked at some badges that the children could wear to show they were part of the Attendance Working Party, and they chose a golden badge with 'Attendance Champion' on. These have now been ordered and will hopefully be here after Christmas! It was lovely to talk to the children and I will meet with them again in the New Year.

If parents and carers would like to discuss our Attendance Working Party or have any suggestions, please feel free to contact me on the school telephone number.

Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents and carers set the standards and expectations for your child.

Raise your child's attendance, Raise their chances.

What does "Good Attendance" mean? Do you know what your child's attendance is?

FACT

90% attendance = ½ day missed every week!

Timothy Hackworth Primary School has an attendance expectation of 96%.

We continue to reward the class with the highest % attendance each week with an ice cream/ice lolly at break time. All children with 100% attendance also receive an attendance sticker!



We understand there may be unavoidable and/or genuine reasons for children's absences. However, due to the impact irregular school attendance may have on your child's academic progress, we ask that you:

- Where possible make medical appointments outside of the school day or aim to minimise the amount of time your child will miss to attend the appointment;
- only allow your child to stay at home in response to genuine illness;
- Do not take holidays during term time.

Every day counts!



I hope you have a wonderful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. If you have any concerns or questions, or would like some support with school attendance, please feel free to contact me.

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Our Fire Drill Practice

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

We recently had another Fire Drill practice. We have a Fire Drill practice every half term. The children were all fantastic and exited the building in a very calm, sensible and respectful manner. Once again, we left the building in record time! Well done everyone!



Staff Safeguarding Training

CRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

As part of our routine safeguarding training, our staff have attended two Safeguarding Staff Meetings this term where the latest safeguarding updates were shared. At our school, the safeguarding of your children is of the utmost importance and we continue to take this very seriously.



CRC Article 31 - All children have the right to relax and play.

The children all deserve to be congratulated on their Christmas Performances this year which were well and truly festively fantastic! We have received lots of lovely feedback from families who thoroughly enjoyed coming to watch our performances. Such wonderful singing, acting and Christmas merriment!

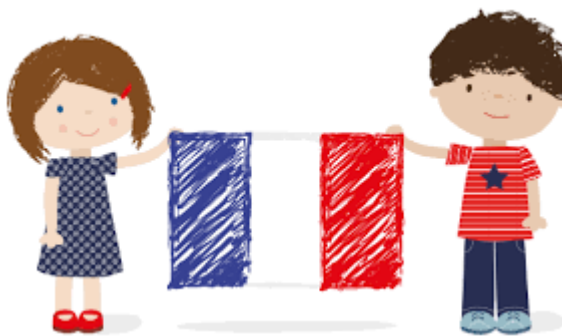
The children have also thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas Parties. They were all very good sports, all taking part in the Christmas activities and games with their friends. A lovely time was had by all!

French Lessons and French Stories with Nathalie Paris

CRC Article 28 – All children have the right to a good quality education.

We are indeed very fortunate to continue to have Nathalie working with us in school to help the children to learn and practise their French skills! Nathalie works across our school from the very youngest, to the eldest, all children having lots of French fun along the way!

You may remember Nathalie reading French stories on our website during Covid. Those stories are still available to access should you wish to listen to these. Your children, (and you!), will certainly enjoy them! Bravo!



The Big Blue Book of Brilliance!

CRC Article 29 - All children have the right to show their talents to the full.

We are always on the lookout for your children's talents to include in our Big Blue Book of Brilliance! Please continue to send us photographs, or tell us about your child's talents that they are very proud of when outside of school. It is always good for us to know, then we can celebrate these talents in school.

Our Swimming Champion, Rossi, in Year 5, has achieved yet more swimming medals for this amazing talent and achievements in a number of swimming galas this year. Well done, Rossi!

Rosie, in Year 1, is a talented dancer and has achieved trophies from a number of competitions in Latin and Ballroom dancing – wow! Well done, Rosie!

Year 6's Meeting with Shildon's Mayor – Cllr. Shirley Quinn

CRC Article 17 – All children have the right to information.

It was indeed an honor for our Head and Deputy Boys and Girls in Year 6 to meet with Shildon's Town Mayor, Cllr. Shirley Quinn, who visited school so that the children could find out about the Mayor's role and how the local community is supported by the Mayor's work.

The children prepared many interesting questions, and learned lots of fascinating facts about our Town Mayor, and how she actively helps our local community and promotes Shildon as a fabulous place to live.

The children even had the opportunity to try on the Mayor's Chains, which they thoroughly enjoyed. 'Wow! The chains are like a big golden necklace, but not as heavy as I had actually thought', the children commented.

The children showed their avid enthusiasm for our town of Shildon, and we all agreed with our Town Mayor that the importance of community is so strong and powerful, and pulling together as one big family, both in our school and in our community, is so incredibly important.

The children were interested to learn that our Town Mayor attended Timothy Hackworth Primary School as a child, and talked affectionately about our amazing school and all of the community within it, and surrounding it.

The children were certainly inspired by all of the stories that the Mayor told. As a result, the children said that they would love to be a Town Councillor, a Town Mayor, or even Prime Minister, when they grow up! They would all do a superb job; wouldn't you agree?!



Year 3's Visit to the Christmas Pantomime at The Gala Theatre, Durham

CRC Article 31 - All children have the right to relax and play.

It must be shared with you that our Y3s, on their visit to the Christmas Pantomime recently, received such amazing feedback about their impeccable behavior and manners whilst out and about in Durham.

Our Y3 have been amazing ambassadors for our school. Members of the public made a point of saying that the children's excellent, respectful behavior, was noticeable and 'stood out from the crowd'.

Our children were noticed also for their politeness and their helping hands. One child helped to return a stage prop that had mistakenly dropped onto the auditorium floor. Another child offered their sweets to a child from another school, and the list continues! Truly terrific manners! Well done, Year 3!



Fond Farewells!

We wish Mrs. Ainsley well on her future ventures as her time with us in Year 3 has, sadly, come to an end. Thank you Mrs. Ainsley for your hard work and commitment to Class Year 3H. We shall all certainly miss you!



Warm Welcomes!

After Christmas, Miss Richardson will be joining us as a Year 3 teacher. We all welcome Miss Richardson to our Timothy Hackworth Team.



CRC Article 24 - All children have the right to rest and play.

Our Parent and Toddler group on a Tuesday morning continues to be very well attended. The children have had lots of enjoyment with a variety of toys that were kindly donated to us, as well as great fun with Lauren, from Shildon Alive, and her bubble blowing! Most recently we have been doing Christmas crafts. Come along and join us in the New Year. You are all very welcome!



CRC Article 27 - All children have the right to access healthy food.

We are sure you have heard our Year 6 children calling out on a Friday afternoon, "Pay what you can, take what you need!" The stall is very successful and making good profit! Please stop by and support us.

