



Thompson class is within the Practical learning approach and consists of 13 pupils aged between 12 and 14 years. They are supported by a Class Teacher, a Senior Teaching Assistant and 2 Teaching Assistants.

Our main focus is helping pupils to become as independent as possible, to enable them to develop the skills they need for life beyond school. We use a practical approach to learning, which helps pupils to build confidence, resilience and communication skills, while also providing plenty of real-life experiences.

In class, we work on a wide range of subjects and skills, including literacy, numeracy, phonics, reading, art, sensory circuits, topic work, Attention Autism and everyday living skills. Pupils have regular opportunities to take part in activities outside the classroom, such as community visits, horticulture sessions and weekly cooking lessons.

Pupils in year 9 and above begin working towards ASDAN Life Skills units, which help them prepare for the future by developing practical skills they can use in everyday life.

