



Sapphire Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School.

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Autumn Term 2 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope the children and yourselves had a lovely half term break. We are settling back quickly into the routine of school and preparing for what will be a busy half term ahead.

I look forward to seeing you at our re-scheduled Parent Evenings which will be on **Thursday 4th November and Tuesday the 9th**. Timings as before,

Many thanks.

Paula Fisher and The Sapphire Team

Home learning

- In phonics we will be continuing to learn and use Phase 2 sounds-these will be displayed weekly on the whiteboard outside the classroom. Please continue to practice these with your child.
- Please continue to read with your child every night.
- There will now be a piece of home learning coming home every week on a Thursday.

To further support you in helping your child there will be a Phonics workshop on **16th November at 2.15pm.**

Please note the change of date.

This will be held on Zoom-further details to follow.

Winter Weather

To make the most of the outside, please ensure your child has a thick coat and wellington boots every day. Gloves and scarves can be stored in our 'Hat box' which is in the cloakroom.. All of these items need to be named.

Sapphire Learning

Literacy; Initially we will be writing recounts of our half term and looking at Autumn and the changes it brings. Our focus after that is stories ; 'Hodge the Hedgehog' 'Leaf Man', 'One Bear at Bedtime' and 'Peace at Last'

After this we will start the story of Christmas. This will include writing about the Christmas story, writing Christmas lists, cards and letters to Father Christmas. How exciting!

We will also continue to learn a poem a week from 'The Poetry Basket'. These are action poems and theme with the topics of Autumn, change, and Christmas.

In Maths we are going to be exploring the concept of 'whole' and 'part' and continuing to look at composition of numbers. We are also continuing to practice subitising amounts in different arrangements and recognizing numbers.

In RE we are going to be looking at how we celebrate Christmas and other celebrations including Bonfire Night and Diwali.

For more information on what we are learning please look at the medium term plan on the school website and check the whiteboard outside the classroom each week.

PE

Sapphire class will now begin to have PE on **Wednesdays-** please ensure your child comes into school on these days in their PE kits.

Any earrings must be removed before coming to school.

Names!

Everything that comes to school needs to have your child's name on it. Please check that their name has not been washed out of clothing or on water bottles. Also please take the opportunity to check that everything the children have in their PE bag belongs to them. If you have lost anything over the last half term the lost property is located outside the Library.