

Amethyst Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Aided Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Spring Term 1

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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break!

Thank you so much for all your lovely and generous gifts. We were very spoilt and are incredibly grateful for your kindness. Thank you also for your support with homework for the children's learning last term. It is much appreciated.

The children continue to take on the challenges and new opportunities that Year 3 brings this term. The topics for this half term include Rocks, Soils and Fossils and comparing Thorpe with a region of Britain (Lyme Regis).

In English we will focus on the text *The Fossil Girl* by Catherine Brighton. We will write a recount of her famous Ichthyosaur find and write reports focusing on Ichthyosaurs and other pre-historic animals of interest. Later in the term we will create different types of poems related to rocks and fossils.

In Maths we will continue our work on multiplication and division looking at methods for multiplying and dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. We will then explore adding and subtracting using money and lastly interpret statistics and present data using bar charts, pictograms, and tables.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's learning, please do send us an e-mail or ask to speak to us.

Many thanks
Mrs Vassallo and Miss White

Home Learning

1) **Reading** - Please continue to read with your child **every night** and note it in their home school link books

2) **Spellings** - set via Spelling Shed on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. A sheet with the spellings on will come home every Wednesday.

3) **Times tables** - A quiz is completed on a Friday and the time table to be practised will be written in the home school link books each week. Times tables can also be practised using Times Tables Rock Stars.

4) **My Maths** - set weekly, to be completed online.

5) **Topic** - set half-termly via Google Classrooms. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail us.

During the Spring Term 1 the theme for Year 3 is **Rocks and Soils**.

Science: Rocks and Soils: Describing the rock cycle and how fossils are formed. Identifying and comparing the purposes and properties of different rocks.

Geography: A region in Britain: Exploring Dorset's physical and human features and comparing Lyme Regis with Thorpe.

RE: How did Jesus change lives? Exploring the miracles performed by Jesus, how they might prove he is the Son of God and how these miracles affected people of the time.

Art: Using the theme 'Fossils', children will explore the work of illustrators and complete sketches and observational drawings of rocks and fossils.

Computing: To finish programming an animation using Scratch.

PE / Games: Invasion Games

Modern Foreign Language: French food

Amethyst Class PE

We shall be having PE on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. We would be grateful if all items of clothing are named, earrings are taken out and long hair is tied back.

Visitors

We will have a visitor from Haslemere Museum doing a virtual workshop with the children on Monday 10th January about rocks and fossils. We have also borrowed the loan boxes from the museum, so the children can explore different rocks and minerals.

The workshop is a voluntary contribution of £6.50 payable via parent pay. Thank you

Please ensure that the children have these items at school every day and they are named:

- A bottle of water
- A playtime snack
- Their reading book and home school link book, every day.