



Emerald Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School
Faith, Love and Excellence

Autumn Term 1

September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,
We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We are delighted to welcome you and the children to Emerald Class. It was lovely to see all the children come back to school with such enthusiasm and keen to learn. We are all looking forward to a very busy autumn term. If you have any queries or suggestions please feel free to arrange a time to come in and have a chat.

Many thanks
Mrs Kaul and Mrs Warren
and the Emerald team
Mrs Gardner, Mrs Elmer and

Emerald Class PE days

Our PE lessons will be on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. Children need to come to school on those days wearing their PE kit, with no earrings or jewelry and with long hair tied back.

Reading and Home Learning

Please continue to read and share stories with your child every night. Reading books, homework schedule and Home School Link books will be issued shortly.

Our new phonics scheme is called Rocket Phonics and there is a workshop for parents in the school hall as follows.

Wednesday 14th September @ 9.30am following the all school coffee morning at 9am

Please do attend if possible (also accessible via Zoom).

To support your child with their learning you can access the Phonics Play via the school log in:

Username: phonicschamp
Password: Thorpe20,

Thank you for your support. Do let us know

Our topic this term is '**Awesome Autumn**'

We will be looking at how the world around us changes and what the weather does during this exciting time of year.

Activities will include:

Observing how a tree changes through the year

Looking at weather patterns and their effect on us.

Using autumn objects as a stimulus for Art.

In **English** we are looking at stories with familiar settings e.g. A Squash and a Squeeze and stories with patterned language e.g. Bear Hunt

In **Maths** we are learning to sort, count, order and recognise numbers to 10 and beyond. We will also be learning number bonds to 10 including addition and subtraction ie $3+2=5$, $5-2=3$, $5-3=2$. We will also be looking at shapes.

Our Topic in **RE** is 'What is the Bible about?' Exploring the parts, people and stories within the Bible.

In **Science** and **Geography** we are learning about UK weather and the four seasons.

In **Art** we are exploring trees, leaves and the local environment using different drawing and printing techniques.

We are also drawing our portraits.

In **PSHE** we are learning about 'Being ourselves', including what makes us special and how important our feelings and thoughts are.

In **Music** will be listening to a range of live quality music and using our voices to sing expressively and creatively.

- **Opal Play** - as a whole school we will continue using our exciting activities for the children at playtime. To get the most out of this opportunity, each child should have a pair of **NAMED** wellington boots and a **NAMED** waterproof coat with a hood. Please note that your children may get muddy and as we are teaching them to manage risks they may have the odd bump and scrape; Opal Play call this 'hurt and dirt' - we have a comprehensive risk assessment and will be teaching children how to keep themselves safe. This has included safe climbing.

Please ensure that the children have these items at school with them every day:

- A bottle of water
- A snack pot containing a healthy snack eg fruit or raw vegetables

Please check that everything the children bring into school is clearly **named**.