



Ruby Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Autumn Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another school year; we hope you have all had a fabulous summer. It was lovely to see all the smiling children return to school and we have spent the last few days getting to know each other and settling into life in Year Two!

We are all looking forward to a very busy and exciting Autumn term. Please arrive promptly at 8.50 every morning to ensure your child has enough time to complete their morning activity.

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

- A bottle of water
- A healthy snack - fresh fruit is best
- Their reading book and home school link book

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. You can also e mail us at rubyclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We look forward to working with you all to help your child reach their full potential.

Mrs Georae and Mrs Graham

Phonics Meeting

Wednesday 14th September at 9.30 am

Miss White will be leading an important meeting in the Hall regarding a new phonics and reading scheme being introduced to the children. The meeting follows the **coffee morning at 9am**. It would be wonderful if you could attend.

Our **PE** lessons will be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their **full PE kit**.

To be ready for PE, please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed.

Marvellous Me Bag (show and share)

In Ruby Class we have a 'Marvellous Me' bag. Each week a child will be selected to fill the bag with an item that is special to them. The item should have a story behind it so it can be shared with the rest of the class.

The aim of the 'Marvellous Me' bag is to encourage children to think about who or what is special to them. It also aims to encourage children to talk about what makes them marvellous! Maybe they could talk about a hobby or an interest. It is also a valuable speaking and listening activity.

Our topic this half term is '**Marvellous Me**'

This will be linked to:

English - children will begin by working on a story with recurring literary language called *Monkey See, Monkey Do* and adapting this to write their own stories. We will move onto writing explanation texts linked to *The Butterfly Life Cycle* and *What Do Animals Need To Be Healthy?* Alongside this we will complete daily guided reading and phonics work.

Maths - children will be looking at number and the place value of 2-digit numbers. They will move onto adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers.

Science - Animals, Including Humans - children will explore a variety of information about animals and humans including animal babies, human growth, animal survival, healthy eating and exercise.

DT - children will explore how different materials can be joined by creating sock puppets.

Geography - What Is The Area Around Our School Like? - children will use maps to explore our local area of Thorpe, the physical and human features within it and how the land is used. They will then compare the features to a city.

RE - Why Is The Bible An Important Book? - children will explore why the Bible is an important book for Christians. They will focus on different Bible Stories and how they can help Christians learn about God. Children will also be preparing for our Harvest Festival. Details to follow.

PE - children will be focusing on co-ordination and balance.

Music - children will be exploring how musicians play together as a band and learning Harvest songs.

French - children will be introduced to greetings, numbers, colours and classroom instructions.

Home Learning

- Home learning is a very important part of school life and
- the children will continue to need **your** support to complete their tasks.
- Home learning will include reading, spellings, maths games and topic-based work. Please see the following page for more details.



How can you help your child in their learning?

As you know, your involvement in your child's learning is very important to enable them to achieve their full potential.

Most importantly **READ, READ, READ!** Reading to and with your child every evening for at least 10 minutes can make a dramatic difference to a child's achievement within school. A report from the Oxford University Press highlighted the importance of parents reading with their children. *'Children who read outside of class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age'*.

The report also offers six tips for reading with your child at home, including

1. Make time to read - even ten minutes a day
2. Choose different types of books
3. Take turns to read
4. Talk about the book - asking your child questions (the book marks will be attached to the back of your child's homeschool link book).
5. Pay attention to the language
6. Enjoy reading and be good reading role models!

Recommended book lists: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/category/reading-lists-for-primary-school-pupils/>

Please **sign and/or write a comment** in your child's home school link book when you have read with your child. It's important that they read their school reading book but it would be great if they could read other books and texts too! i.e., research on the internet or follow a recipe or instructions for a game. Please make sure that reading books and home school link books are in school every day.

In Ruby Class, we have **Star Readers**. If the children read at least 4 times during the week, they will become a star reader the following week! They will be awarded a certificate to recognise their achievements.

Spellings/Phonics - will be sent home every **Tuesday**. This will be sounds and spelling examples of what we have been focusing on that week. We will check that the children have learnt the sound/spelling rule the **following Tuesday**. Please ensure their spelling book is in school each Tuesday. Please login to Spelling Shed to practise the spellings. The children's log-ins will be in their home school link books and at the front of their spelling books.

Maths. A dig1t game will be sent home fortnightly to play at home. Please continue to log into Maths Shed to complete the activities from Year 2. The children's logins are the same as their Spelling Shed account.

Home Learning Activities - A separate grid will be sent home containing **six** activities linked to our class work. Please complete at least one activity of your child's choice from the grid for this half term (they can of course complete more than one if they wish). Home Learning can be brought in at any time leading up to the half-term break and we will celebrate it in class at the earliest opportunity.

Library - The children will have the opportunity to choose a library book every Friday.

Thank you for all your help with your child's learning. It's very much appreciated! 