



Amethyst Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Aided Primary School

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Autumn Term 1

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Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We are delighted to welcome you and the children to Amethyst Class and hope the children settle quickly and will be very happy.

We are all looking forward to a busy Autumn half-term. In English, we will begin by exploring some of Aesop's Fables and this will lead to the children writing their own fable. We will later explore the features of Information texts and write one of our own which will be linked to our history work on the Stone Age to Iron Age. In Maths, we will be learning about Place Value and knowing the value of each number in a 3-digit number and this will then lead onto addition and subtraction where the children will learn the column method.

If you have any queries, worries or concerns, please feel free to arrange a time to come and see us. Our door is always open.

Many thanks

Mrs. Vassallo and Mrs. Osborne

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. Each week the children will have:

- 1) **Reading** - Please continue to read with your child **every night** and sign their diary.
 - 2) **Spellings** - given out on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. Children can also practise their spellings using The Spelling Shed website.
 - 3) **Timetables** - once the children have settled in, a quiz will be completed on a Friday. The timetable to be learnt will be recorded in the reading records. Children may choose to practise their times tables using the Times Tables Rock Stars website.
 - 4) **Homework Grids** - given out termly. We ask children to choose and complete 6 tasks from the homework grid each term. Homework folders are to be returned each Monday, regardless of whether a task has been completed that week.
 - 5) **Maths** - their will be a quiz set weekly to complete via Maths Shed. Once the quiz has been completed, children are welcome to explore the rest of the site.
- All log in details can be found in the reading records.

During the Autumn Term, we will be learning lots of exciting new things. Here are some of the things to look forward to...

Science: Animals including Humans

Identifying the need for different types and amounts of nutrition and how our bodies use it. Recognising how our skeletons affect our movement and are used for support and protection.

R.E What do Christians believe God is like? What does the Bible say about God? Exploring the children's ideas about God and then using the Bible, songs and images to explore names given to God and how he is described.

History Changes in Britain from Stone Age to Iron Age. Exploring what life was like in pre-historic Britain - tools used, clothes worn, housing, jobs and way of life and how these aspects of life changed over these ages.

Art Cave paintings

P.E Games - children will take part in a range of active games to improve confidence, perseverance and develop skills.

Modern Foreign Language French - greet someone, ask someone's name and give own, ask how someone is and respond to the same question.

Please ensure that the children have these items at school with them every day and that everything is clearly named:

- A bottle of water
- A piece of fruit/healthy snack (am)
- Their reading books
- A clear pencil case can be brought to school but must be small.

Amethyst Class PE dates

- We shall be having PE on a Wednesday and Thursday this year.
- Please send your school wearing their PE kit on these days. Please name all items of clothing and ensure long hair is tied back. Children are not allowed to take part in P.E with earrings in, so please ensure these are removed or your child can take them out themselves.

Workshop

- This term we have a stone age to iron age workshop booked. This will take place in school on Friday 30th September. It is being led by Chertsey Museum. Please look out for details on Parent Pay.