



Amber Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love & Excellence

Autumn Term

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely summer break, spending time with family and friends. We wish you a very warm welcome back to a new school year.

In English we are exploring the Diver's Daughter by Patrice Lawrence. We will be using this text, set in Tudor Times to write adventure stories and include our grammar focus of relative clauses. Later in the term we will be using personification to write poem about the Thames and write reports about Tudor times.

In Maths we will start by focusing on place value up to 1 000 000 and determining the value of each digit as well as rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10000 and 100000. We will also look at interpreting negative numbers in context before moving on to additional and subtraction including formal written methods.

We look forward to an exciting term and if you have any questions please do contact us.

Many thanks,

Miss White, Mrs Ambridge, Mrs Tambaro and Mrs Simms.

Year 5 Curriculum Autumn Term 1

Science- Forces

Investigate gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction.
Explore mechanisms including pulleys, levers and gears.

R.E.

How did Jesus' teaching challenge people?

Find out what Jesus taught about money, happiness and how to live.

History

The lives of Rich and Poor in Tudor Times

PE - Gym and Games focusing on Basketball

French How can I explain what people have or are like?

DT - Understand how to strengthen, stiffen and reinforce more complex structures when making a bridge.

PSHE Be Yourself

Reading books -

Children should have their reading books and homework diaries every day.

Reading to and with your child is crucial for their development. Fluency in reading is an important skill, but it is vital children are asked questions about what they are reading to develop their comprehension of texts.

I strongly suggest a range of literature - fiction stories, poetry, child newspapers, information texts and biographies.

Remember, they are not too old to have a bedtime story and hearing you read, helps them develop their tone and rhythm.

Recommended book lists:

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

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.

Tasks will be:

1) **Reading** - Please read aloud with your child **at least 4 times a week** (every night if possible).

2) **Spellings** - On a Friday, your child will be given a new spelling rule and list of words. These will be taught across the week in our English lessons. They will be tested on them on the following Friday.

3) **Maths home learning** - home learning will be set on Fridays every week. This will either be Maths Shed or a Maths game. Children need to continue to practise their times tables and individual children may be given times tables to focus on.

4) **Topic homelearning** - This will be set on a topic grid. See details on the grid. A home learning task is completed every two weeks and can be shared in school or uploaded on to Google Classrooms.

The children have the same usernames and passwords for Google Classrooms and EdShed. Please let us know if you need these again. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e mail us at amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk

Amber Class PE days

Our PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday and Thursday**. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their school P.E kit.

As Tuesday's lesson will be gym in the hall, we would like children to wear shorts. However they can wear these under tracksuit bottoms if it is cold. Thursday will be outdoor PE.

Hindleap Warren Trip 5th, 6th and 7th October

Parents Meeting 13th September at 6pm in the classroom. Please attend this if your child going on the trip. We will be discussing kits lists, activities and answering any questions you may have.