

Topaz Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to your child's final year at primary school! We are all really excited to get to know your children and are looking forward to making this a memorable last year at Thorpe. We have many activities planned for this half term and we hope that the children will enjoy and learn from them. Henley Fort is the **1st November** and the Junior Citizen event is on the **14th November**.

This is an important term for the children, as they take on new learning, as well as roles and responsibilities around school. Year 6 is such a crucial year; we expect all pupils to be reliable, sensible and respectful role models for the rest of the school. I am sure that we can work together to ensure the children feel supported in all they do and help them celebrate all they have achieved throughout their primary school years. There will be SATs information given out as we get nearer to the time.

Please do contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Many thanks,

Mrs. D'Abreo & the Year 6 team

Home Learning

Home learning is an important part of school life and children may continue to need support during these tasks. It is especially important this year as it will start to get them ready for the work set at secondary school.

Home learning will include:

Reading - every night for 10-15 minutes please. This is vital in year 6 and it would help your children greatly if you listened to them, and asked them questions about their books. Discuss complex vocabulary and the contextual meaning. The children will write in their diaries what they have read and discussed.

Spellings - Your child will be taught a new spelling rule at the beginning of the week and then given some online spellings using 'Spelling Shed' to practice. They will be tested the following Monday.

Maths- This will be either a 'my maths' session or consolidation of classroom learning activity set fortnightly.

Topic homework - given every two weeks. See next page for details.

Times table learning where appropriate.

English

This term we will be working on building the children's confidence as young authors and developing writing around our topic.

Writing based on 'Carrie's War' - Blitz stories, Evacuee Diary entries, war poetry. Writing newspaper articles about the Blitz.

Grammar - developing an understanding of sentence structure, synonyms and antonyms, expanded noun phrases.

Topic

WW1/WW2 - Which had the greatest impact for our local area - WW1 or WW2? This half term, we will be delving into life during the Blitz for people in cities and, in particular, children who were evacuated.

Science - Living things and their habitats

R.E.

How is god three - and one?

Maths

Place Value

Mental and written addition and subtraction.

Mental and written multiplication and division,

Topaz Class PE days







Our PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday & Friday**; please come to school in PE kit on both those days. Tuesday will be outdoor PE and Friday will be gym/dance in the Hall.

We would be grateful if all items of clothing are named, earrings are taken out and long hair is tied back.

Opal Play - as a whole school we have many 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 week we learnt all about safe climbing.

Second World War Topic homework

Every two weeks you are going to choose one of these projects to complete over the next fortnight. Make sure you put the date you chose it and the date its due. Every Friday we will showcase these and celebrate your efforts - some will make it on the display board!

<p>Research an aircraft, ship or tank that took part in WW2. Make a model, drawing or collage and include a detailed description.</p> <p>I chose this on:</p>  <p>Due:</p>	<p>Create a presentation about what you would pack if you were evacuated to another place today, giving your reasons for each item.</p> <p>I chose this on:</p>  <p>Due:</p>	<p>Make a drawing, painting or collage using different materials that shows a scene from World War 2.</p> <p>I chose this on:</p> <p>Due:</p>
<p>Make your own artefact from World War 2 - this could be a rationing book, an evacuation case, a gas mask, soldier's helmet or a medal etc.</p> <p>I chose this on:</p>  <p>Due:</p>	<p>Create a fact-file about the life of a child during World War 2. This should contain facts about everyday life including evacuation, rationing, the Blitz.</p> <p>I chose this on:</p>  <p>Due:</p>	<p>Write an adventure story of a child during World War 2.</p> <p>I chose this on:</p> <p>Due:</p>
<p>Design and make a game involving facts about World War 2 (boards game, card game, memory game, observation game).</p> <p>I chose this on:</p>  <p>Due:</p>	<p>Design a recruitment poster to encourage people to fight for their country during the War.</p> <p>I chose this on:</p>  <p>Due:</p>	<p>Homework dates: 1st piece due: Friday 23rd September 2nd Piece due: Friday 7th September 3rd piece due: Friday 21st October</p>