

Topaz Class Newsletter



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Autumn 1

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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. 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 reading records where they have read up to in their book.

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

Maths - Maths home learning will be set every Friday - this will either be on Maths shed or a written activity e.g. an arithmetic quiz or reasoning questions.

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

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 'Who let the Gods out?'

Grammar - developing an understanding of sentence structure, synonyms and antonyms, relative clauses and parenthesis.

Reading - Identifying The Main Idea/Summarising/ Fact Retrieval/Reading Critically

Topic - Ancient Greece

This half term we will be looking at how the Ancient Greek civilization have influenced the western world.

Art - How are artists inspired by the natural world?
Artist: Laura McNamara

Science - Living things and their habitats

R.E. - For Christians, what difference does it make to belong to Gods Kingdom?

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.

Autumn 1 Home learning Grid

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. These project time frames allow you to develop your creativity and give you the flexibility to create something incredible!



<p>Science Create an illustrated glossary for our current science topic - Living things and their habitats</p> <p>You will need to include the following words characteristic, classification, organism, micro-organism Vertebrates, Invertebrates, Amphibians, Reptiles, Mammals, Insects</p>	<p>History Who was Alexander the Great? What was he famous for? Find out 5 key facts about Alexander's life. Describe his personality - Did this help achieve great things? OR Find out what life was like for children in Ancient Greece. How will you present your information?</p>	<p>History Make a Spartan helmet or design a shield.</p>
<p>Grammar Create a game using what you know about the different word classes e.g. noun, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions. This could be a matching game, quiz or a board game.</p>	<p>Science Are microorganisms helpful? Investigate which ones are harmful and which can help us. How can you present your ideas?</p>	<p>ART The artist we are studying this half term is Laura McNamara. She is inspired by nature.</p>  <p>Find examples of creatures that interest you in nature and draw a picture of them. These could be land animals, insects or weird and wonderful underwater creatures.</p>

