



Amber Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to meet you all again at parents evening. Thank you for all your support and feedback.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting half term.

The children have been working really hard over the past half term and have produced some excellent work.

Please keep us up to date about anything at home which might affect your child's learning so that we can support them as much as possible.

Attached to this newsletter is the PSHE overview for the year. If you have any questions about this, please do email us.

Kind regards,
Mrs Ambridge and Miss White

English

Native American Literature
Poetry - Earth and Space
Theme
Explanation - Linked to science

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Relative clauses,
Cohesion within and across paragraphs

Maths

Addition and subtraction

Revision of mental and formal methods. Choosing the most appropriate strategy and multi-step problems.

Fractions -

Equivalent fractions, Mixed numbers and improper fractions, Ordering and comparing fractions, Adding and subtracting fractions.

Topic

Our **Art** work will be linked to our Science - How does Peter Thorpe depict space?

In **Geography** we will be exploring North and South America and comparing it to the UK. Location, Location, Location - USA or UK?

In **Computing** we will be answering the question: What does the Mars Rover do? As well as looking at online safety.

R.E.

What does it mean to be part of a synagogue community?

Science

Earth and Space. - describing the movement of the earth and other planets relative to the sun. Describing the movement of the moon relative to the earth. Use the idea of the earth's rotation to explain day and night.

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 Tuesday, your child will be taught a new spelling rule and then given some online spellings using 'Spelling Shed' to practise. They will be tested the following Tuesday.
- 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 that they have been given to focus on.
- 5) **Topic homework** - This should be completed every two to three weeks, using an idea from the grid attached.

The children have usernames and passwords in the front of their homework diaries. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk

If you would like extra home learning, you could purchase CGP guides for extra practice for English and Maths.

Amber Class PE days

- Our PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday and Friday**. Please make sure your child arrives at school in kit suitable for PE.
- Tuesday will be outdoor PE- Games this half term.
- Friday will be inside - Dance this half term.

Reading books -

Children should have their reading books and reading records every day. Children need to have their records signed before they change their book.

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.

We 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/>

