



Emerald Class Newsletter



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed time with your families. Thank you very much for all the generous Christmas gifts, it was very kind of you all and much appreciated. Happy New Year!

We have another busy term ahead of us with lots of exciting learning planned. Our topic is 'Terrific Toys' and as part of our History curriculum will be exploring old toys from the 1960's. If you or family members have any **toys from the past**, we would love to borrow them. (They will be looked after very carefully!)

We continually celebrate the children's efforts and achievements in Emerald Class. Every Friday a child is chosen to receive an Achievement Award which is usually presented within a whole school assembly. The children also receive lunch time and Opal play awards. We also celebrate home learning by a 'show and tell' and award children with extra stickers. If there is anything from home that the children have achieved and you would like us to share with the class, please let us know. As always, please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you.

Our learning this half term is based on the theme of 'Terrific Toys'

We will be learning about 'Materials' and 'Toys'.

English

- Writing and stories about toys.
- Phonics, handwriting, reading and comprehension

Maths

- Place Value within 20

Science - Materials:

- Naming and sorting materials
- Properties and uses of different materials
- Which materials are waterproof?

History - Toys

- Comparing old and new toys and games.
- Asking questions about toys from the past.

R.E - Judaism

Why do Jewish families celebrate the gift of Shabbat?

Reminders

Please ensure your child has a coat that they can do up, wellies, bottle of water and a healthy snack in school with them every day (**all named**).

Children start their learning as soon as they arrive (before registration) which includes reading to an adult, handwriting and phonics activities.

P.E will continue to be on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. Please ensure your child comes into school dressed in full PE kit, with earrings removed and long hair tied back.

Home Learning

Please try to read with your child every night and send in their **home school link book and reading book** to class every day. It is helpful if you can initial the home school link book and write a comment about how they have done.

Phonics 'I can blend' and Spellings will continue to be given out on a Friday and a **Maths** game from time to time to complement our curriculum.

We will also continue with the learning grids that cover our **topic, Maths and English**. Over the half term, two pieces of your child's choice need to be completed and handed in. Please see the Home Learning grid for more details.

Thank you for supporting your child's learning. It makes a real difference to their progress.