



# Amber Class Newsletter

## Thorpe Church of England Primary School

### Spring Term January 2024



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. Thank you so much for all your thoughtful cards and generous gifts - they are much appreciated.

This term we are focusing on explanation texts and persuasive leaflets in English linked to our topic work.

In Maths, we will be using the formal written method for multiplication (up to 4 digit x 2 digit) and division (up to 4 digit by 1 digit). Then revisiting fractions to learn how to multiply unit and non-unit fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers.

If you have any questions or concerns, we are always ready to listen. Please contact us via email to discuss anything further - [amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk)

Many thanks for your support last term. We are looking forward to a productive half term to start 2024.

Kind Regards,  
Miss White and Mrs Ambridge

#### Topic

##### Science

Children will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal) and response to magnets.

Learn that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and experiment and describe how to recover a substance from a solution.

##### Grammar

Indicating degrees of possibility using adverbs and modal verbs  
Brackets, dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis

##### French

How can I identify my favourite and least favourite school

##### R.E.

What helps Hindus to worship?

##### Geography

How do people cope with volcanoes and earthquake in and around Mexico City?

Exploring how the tectonic plates movement causes earthquakes and volcanoes and which countries are most affected by these geographical events.

##### Art

Who was Frida Kahlo?

Exploring the work and style of Frida Kahlo and the impact of her Mexican heritage on her art.

#### Amber Class PE days

Our PE lessons continue on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. We would be grateful if all items of clothing are named, earrings are taken out and long hair is tied back. Please remember to come to school wearing school PE kit: t-shirt, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers for PE outside. This half term we will be focusing on: Gym and also Games leading to Tag Rugby.

#### 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 now be a task from their new Maths Journal.** They will need to be returned by the following Wednesday when we will go over the task together. Children also 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 e mail us at [amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk)