



Emerald Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Spring Term 2

February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break.

This term we have some lovely topics and events happening including Book Week. Thank you for your continued support with the children's learning, it is lovely to see the progress they are all making.

We look forward to discussing your child's learning with you at the parents' evening at the end of this term.

Many thanks,

Mrs Kaul

Important dates to note this half term:

Thurs 7th March World Book Day

Weds 13th March Phonics workshop 9 - 9.45am

Friday 15th Red Nose Day

Thursday 21st Parents' evening 4.30 to 7pm

Tues 26th Parents evening 3.20 - 6pm

Weds 27th March half day fun day (Year 1) at ACS, details to follow

Break up for Easter holidays 1.15pm Thursday 28th March

(Children return on Monday 15th April 2024)

English:

- ❖ Poetry about animals
- ❖ Identifying and comparing the features of fiction and non-fiction texts.
- ❖ Information texts and simple narratives
- ❖ Reading, phonics, handwriting, sentence punctuation

Maths:

- ❖ Place Value to 50. Representing numbers to 50, estimating on a number line, one more and one less.
- ❖ Measurement - Length and Height - Comparing, describing and solving practical problems for length and height. Measuring and comparing mass volume and capacity.

Science:

- ❖ Animals including humans - How do we group animals with the same characteristics?

R.E:

- ❖ What do Christians learn from stories about Jesus?
- ❖ Exploring the Easter Story and the thoughts and feelings of the different people involved. Exploring the meaning of the symbols of Easter.

D.T: Exploring different types of houses including common shapes and features.

Geography: . Finding our way around school and creating maps. Looking at aerial photographs of the local area.

Helping your children with their writing

As the children reach the middle of year 1, it is clear to see the progress they have made in their learning. Reading often 'takes off' this term whilst many children find writing more of a challenge. Here are some tips to support your children at home with their writing.

Provide a place for your child to write.

Read, read, read! The best way to improve writing is through reading, both reading a daily bedtime story and also listening to your child read. It exposes your child to vocabulary that they can 'maggie' for their own writing.

Encourage your child to keep a journal or diary. Write a shopping list. Write a message for a member of the family.

Be a writing role model - make sure your child sees you write.

Teach your child new words each week and encourage them to use them. Use the tricky words in a sentence.

Celebrate and share their writing with others.

Please come and see us if you would like any additional information. Thank you for your continued support, we really do appreciate it!

Reminders

Home Learning and Library

Please can reading books and Home School Link books come to school **every day**. The phonics and tricky words for the week (common exception words) are sent home on Fridays. Reading books will be collected in on a Thursday and returned on a Friday. Please check the separate homework grid.

Additional reading books are available as e-books and logins were sent home again for half term.

P.E

Our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays. Children come to school in their PE kit, with earrings removed please and long hair tied back.

Healthy Snack

Please ensure your child's snack is a **small healthy** snack, preferably some fruit, they only have about 5/10 minutes snack time to eat it. Also only put water in water bottles please.

Notice board

The learning for the week ahead is displayed on the notice board outside the classroom but if you have any questions please come and see us or more information is provided on the medium-term plan which is available on the school's website.
<https://www.thorpe.surrey.sch.uk/>