

Amethyst Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Aided Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Spring Term 2

February 2024



Dear Parents,

The children appear to have very much enjoyed our topics on Rocks and Soils and Dorset which begun with a super workshop by Haslemere Museum. We continue this term with those topics, looking in greater detail at maps of Dorset, compass points and directions. We will be holding our walking training next week, which will provide pupils with road safety skills. In English, this half-term, we will work on traditional tales, looking at the fairy story of 'Red Riding Hood' and writing it with an alternative ending. We will explore Spring imagery in poetry and write our own Spring poems. In Maths, we will explore fractions, before moving on to mass and capacity.

Many thanks, Mrs. Vassallo and Miss Wallage

Spring Term 2 Learning

Science: Rock and Soils: Separating and testing soils. Planning, conducting, and evaluating investigations about soils and rocks.

Geography: How to use and draw maps. Exploring compass points and grid references - drawing and locating places and features on maps and giving directions.

Art: We will be studying the artist, Caz Scott, and how she uses line and colour to represent Dorset.

R.E: How did Jesus change lives?

P.E / Games and Gym: Ball skills and gymnastics skills.

Computing: Computer Programming-Scratch

Music: All the learning in this unit is focused around one song: The Dragon Song.

Please note P.E will remain on Tuesday and Thursday this half-term. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings and watches are removed.

Home Learning

- 1) **Reading** - Please continue to read with your child **every night** and note it in their home school link books
- 2) **Phonics** - phonics books will be sent home on a Tuesday. Children are asked to share their phonics learning for the week with an adult at home and choose three of these phonic sounds and use them in sentences. We will shortly be finishing our phonics scheme and after this, spellings will be set on Spelling Shed and tested weekly on a Tuesday.
- 3) **Times tables** - Our focus this term will be doubles, the 2 times table and square times tables.
- 4) **Maths Shed** - look out for quizzes to complete online. Children can also independently explore the site.
- 5) **Topic** - set half-termly. Sheet to be sent home.

Reading

It is valuable to hear the children read the books they bring home from school. For some children, a second read of the book may be beneficial. The first time they read, will be the time the children become familiar with the book and develop fluency and expression. The second time you can focus on comprehension and ensuring the children have a solid understanding of what they have read. We hear the children read a different book in guided reading each week where we explore a book in detail focusing on both skills of reading and of comprehension.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 1st March - Year 3 Walking Training (rescheduled)
Wednesday 6th March - Amethyst Class Assembly
Thursday 7th March - World Book Day - dress up as your favourite book character.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings take place this half-term
Tuesday 21st March 4.30-7pm
Thursday 26th March 3.20-6pm

As always, any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to make an appointment to come in and discuss them with us.