



Amber Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a great half term holiday. This half term is once again very short but full of lots of exciting learning for the children as we head towards Easter.

Please come and see us if you have any questions or concerns, we are always ready to listen and help in any way we can.

Many thanks for your support last half term. We are looking forward to an exciting half term.

Kind Regards,

Miss White and Mrs Ambridge,

Reading

Keep up the great reading at home to ensure your children are continuing to develop their vocabulary and understanding of a variety of literature.

Reading with your children, demonstrating reading aloud to them and asking them questions afterwards has a big impact on their reading.

Home Learning

Please continue to complete the following home learning with your child.

- 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 from the Maths Practice Journals. We mark these together the following Friday and discuss any misconceptions. Children need to continue to practise their times tables and individual children may be given times tables facts to focus on.
- 5) Topic homework - This should be completed every two weeks, using an idea from the grid attached.

English

This term we are going to be joining with Year 4 to take part in a writing project called Winning at Writing. The children will be using their writing journals to develop their ideas across three units:

- 1) Settings
- 2) Characterisation
- 3) Short Stories.

The children have completed a survey describing how they feel about writing and will repeated that survey at the end of the project.

Maths

Decimals and percentages: read and write decimal numbers as fractions.

recognise and use thousandths

round decimals with 2 decimal places.

read, write, order and compare numbers with up to 3 decimal places

solve problems involving decimals.

recognise the per cent symbol (%)

solve problems which require knowing percentage and decimal equivalents

Perimeter and Area: measure and calculate the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes.

calculate and compare the area of rectangles

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. They will give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic. Also experiment with reversible and irreversible changes to materials.

Computing: How can we create music on a computer?

DT: Cooking and Nutrition-Mexican food.

History: How has the power of the monarchy changed?

Music: Rock music and Rap music

RE: Why is the idea of rescue so important to Christians and how does the Bible show this?

Amber Class PE days

Our PE lessons will still be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** this half term.

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 t-shirt, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers for PE outside.

This term we will be focusing on: Dance OAA and Hockey.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day - Please see newsletter for details.

Friday 15th March- Red Nose Day

Thurs 21st March- Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7pm Tues 26th March Parents' Evening 3.20 - 6pm

Thursday 28th- Easter Service Please drop off at the church.