



Topaz Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Aided Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Spring Term Part 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a very busy important term! This term is going to be a short one but crammed full with a lot of hard work. Keep your eyes peeled in the homework diaries for any extra homework or activities the children may need support with.

If you would like to discuss anything or meet with me, please could you either call the office to make an appointment, or write in your child's homework diary and we will arrange an available time to meet or speak on the phone as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs D'Abreo

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 Monday, your child will be taught a new spelling rule and then given some online spellings using 'Spelling Shed' to practice. They will be tested the following Monday.
- 3) Maths home learning - Home learning will be set on Fridays every week. This will either be an arithmetic test or a SATs practice paper. Children need to continue to practice their times tables and individual children may be given times tables to focus on.
- 5) Topic homework - This should be completed every two weeks, using an idea from the grid

Key Diary Dates

- Thursday 7th March- World Book Day
- Mock sats week - W/C 18th March
- Thurs 21st March - Parents' Evening 4:30 - 7pm
- Tues 26th March Parents' Evening 3:20 - 6pm

Topaz Class PE days

Our PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please make sure they are in kit on those days. Please also ensure that long hair is tied back and earrings and watches are removed.

English

Discussion - Based on their WW2 topic

Biography - Looking at key figures of WW2

Holes by Louis Sachar - Diary entries

Grammar and Punctuation

Hyphens used for ambiguity.

Use of commas to change meaning.

Multi-clause sentences.

Sentence lengths.

Dashes, Semi-Colons and commas to show parenthesis

Science - Light

Recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines.

Use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that

objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye.

Explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes.

Art

Look at the work of Henry Moore and recreating his artwork using cross hatching

French

How do I describe the clothes I like and what I like to wear?

Maths

Decimals and percentages

Perimeter and area

Volume

Algebra

Statistics

Weekly times tables session / SATs preparation

R.E.

What do Christians believe about the Messiah?

SATs

MOCK SATs Week - W/C 18th March

Please help your children this term by doing relevant revision -

- ❖ Please give your children plenty of opportunities to try practice tests - it is crucial that you additionally go through the answers with them so that children can learn from mistakes and see example answers.
- **Reading** - listen to your child **every** night and ask questions about what your child is reading.
- **Times tables** - this is to help your child develop their confidence and quick recall of number facts

Changes: This term the children will also be given practice papers and ten minute tests to develop their understanding in different areas. These will be given out when appropriate, and may be due the following day - details will always be in homework diaries.

As always, please see me if there are any concerns or ideas you would like to discuss.

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