

# Emerald Class Summer 1 Newsletter



**Thorpe Church of England Primary School**  
**Faith, Love and Excellence**

Dear Parents and Carers,  
We hope you all enjoyed your Easter break and are refreshed.  
We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term ahead.

## Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

This term we will be super busy with our phonics and we may from time to time send home some additional resources to help your child work on sounds that they are finding tricky.

**It would be really beneficial if you could try to read a little each night with your child.**

Please do come and talk to me if you have any concerns or questions.

Best wishes  
Mrs Kaul

**School Values** This half term's value is **Trust** (Sum 1). We teach the children about being someone others can trust by being respectful (Aut 1), kind (Aut 2) honest (Spr 1) and responsible (Spr 2). Through these we talk about relationships and the importance of being a good friend and looking out for each other

## **PE**

The children need to come into school dressed in their PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays. Their PE kit should include blue shorts, blue tracksuit bottoms, school yellow t shirt, socks and plimsols or trainers. Please also ensure that earrings are removed on PE days.

## **Healthy Snack**

Please ensure your child's snack is a **small healthy** snack, preferably some fruit.

## **Warmer Weather!**



As the weather begins to warm up, please ensure your child has a hat, full bottle of water (both named!) and that sun cream is applied before they start their school day.

The focus of our learning this half term will be:

## **In English**

- Reading and writing a traditional tale
- Writing recounts
- Improving our use of punctuation including! and?
- Adding s or es to show a plural.
- Preparation for Phonics Screening Assessment

## **In Maths**

- Multiplication and division
- Counting in 2's, 5's and 10's
- Finding a half and a quarter of an object, shape or quantity
- Geometry: Position and direction, forwards, backwards, left, right, above and below.
- Ordinal numbers

In **Science** the focus is 'Plants' and we will be investigating 'how a seed becomes a plant or tree'.

In **R.E** - What is the Torah and why is it important to Jewish people?



In **Computing** - How can we move a robot? (Bee-Bots)

In **Geography**- Is Britain an island?

In **DT** - What is a healthy snack? Making good food choices and how to make a healthy snack

## **Home Learning**

### **Reading and Spelling**

Please can reading books and Home School Link books come to school **every day**. Please comment about how your child has got on and practice re-reading as this really benefits their fluency and supports their comprehension skills. The tricky words for each week are sent home each Friday along with the 'I can blend' sheets. The books we send home are aligned to Rocket Phonics program so it is super important that they do read these.

### **Topic**

Please see the Home Learning grid for this half term. The children should choose at least 2 activities to do this half term in addition to reading and phonics homework. .

### **Maths**

Dig1t games will be given out from time to time to play at home. These do not need to be returned to school.

A recommended app to develop arithmetic skills is available to download for free. This is called 'White Rose Maths 1 Minute Maths' and is available on the Apple App Store, Google Play or Amazon Kindle. Additionally, Top Marks, Hit the button has lots of free games which include number bonds etc.