



Amethyst Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School

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Summer Term 1

April 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope you enjoyed a lovely Easter break.

We begin this summer term with some new topics. We will be learning about Ancient Egypt as well as light and shadow in science.

In English, we will begin by completing work based on the story 'The Firework Maker's Daughter' by Philip Pullman. We will then be writing non-fiction chronological explanation texts about the seven-stage process of mummification linked to our topic work.

In Maths, we will continue to work on fractions, and then move onto money, time, shape, and statistics.

Our trip to Haslemere Museum is on Wednesday 8th May.

Thank you

Mrs Vassallo and Miss Wallage

During Summer Term 1, the theme for Year 3 is **Ancient Egypt and Light**. Many subjects will have this theme included.

Science: Light - What is light, what is dark? Name light sources. Can light pass through objects? How are shadows formed? What is reflection?

Art: Creating Egyptian artwork using a range of media and creating Egyptian portraits.

History: Beginning to use a range of historical resources to investigate life in Ancient Egypt - their daily activities, beliefs and how they communicated.

RE: Sikhism- What do Sikhs value?

PSHE - New starts and transitions

PE/Games: Athletics and striking and fielding games

Modern Foreign Language: French - Months of the year and birthdays.

Amethyst Class PE

We shall continue to have PE on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** so please ensure that your child comes dressed in their PE kit on these days. Please name all items of clothing, take out earrings and tie up long hair.

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

Home Learning

Each week the children will have:

1) **Reading** - Please continue to read with your child **every night** and note it in their home readers.

2) **Spellings** - set via Spelling Shed on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

3) **Times tables** - please practice square numbers and 3-times tables. Children should also know the inverse and corresponding divisions for these.

4) **Maths** - Children can explore the Maths shed website. Look out for quizzes which will be set from time to time using this site.

5) **Homework grid**- children are asked to complete at least six pieces of home learning from the home learning grid over the course of the term.

Diary Dates

8th May 2022 Year 3 will be visiting **Haslemere Museum** (you should have received a letter). Your child will need to bring a cheap **Action Man/Barbie Doll or a small teddy** to school on this day which they will then mummify by wrapping it in bandages. They will be returned with your child.

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with:

- A named water bottle
- A healthy snack
- A reading book
- A coat if the weather looks wet or cold

Please make sure that everything is correctly labelled.

We would be hugely grateful if you were able to donate old newspapers which we can use in Art.
Many Thanks!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, do make an appointment to speak to us

Many Thanks

Mrs Vassallo and Miss Wallage