



Amber Class Newsletter
Thorpe Church of England Primary School
Faith, Love & Excellence
Summer Term 2024



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday and enjoyed spending time together.
We have exciting topics planned and lots of learning to cover as we head towards the end of Year 5.

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.

Dates for this half-term:

Church Visit - Tuesday 30th April Drop off at the church at 8.40am.

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May

Next half term: Residential 8th - 10th July

Please keep in contact and, as always, please email us or the office if you would like to discuss anything and we will arrange a suitable time for a phone call or meeting.

Kind Regards,

Miss White and Mrs Ambridge

English

Persuasive Writing - Why should we visit Mexico?

Winning at Writing Project - Unit 3

Short stories using settings and character descriptions already created in units 1 and 2.

Punctuation and Grammar

Using commas to avoid ambiguity.
Modal Verbs
Parenthesis (brackets, commas and dashes)
Fronted adverbials
Correct punctuation for dialogue.

Science

Living things and their habitats - comparing the life cycles of different animal groups and plants.

RE

How did the Church begin - and where is it now?

Maths

Statistics- line graphs and tables
Angles- measuring, comparing and drawing. Using a protractor.
Position and direction-coordinates, translation and reflection.
Decimals - Adding and subtracting

Arithmetic practice every week to review methods and strategies covered in Year 5.

Topic

Art - 3D Mexican folk art.

Geography

How can we use OS maps to navigate our local area?

French

How can I identify and explain about healthy and unhealthy food?
Rigolo 2 Unit 3 - La nourriture.

PE - Athletics, Gym and Tennis

Home Learning

Home learning is a very important part of school life and the children will continue to need your support to complete their tasks.

Tasks will be:

- 1) **Reading** - Please read aloud with your child **at least 3 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) **Times tables** - We will continue to practice and consolidate times tables knowledge daily in school. Please continue to practice at home.
- 4) **Maths home learning** - home learning will be set on Friday every week. This will be a few pages from the Maths Practice Journal to consolidate learning. It will be due in the following Wednesday.
- 5) **Topic homework** - given every two weeks. See home learning grid for details. Children share their home learning to the class when completed.

The children have usernames and passwords in the front of their homework diaries. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us at amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk

Reading

We check home school link books every day to see the progress over the week and keep a record of those who have read.

To encourage consistent reading at home, team points will now be awarded to children who are reading at home, at least 3 times a week. Please sign the HSLB each time you have heard your child read.

We would like your child to bring in their reading book and home school link book every day.

CGP Grammar Book

At parents' evening we discussed the CGP books for grammar and/or reading comprehension. Here is the link to the website.

<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/primary-books>

Amber Class PE days

Our PE lessons will continue to be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. **Earrings out and hair tied back. Only school PE Kit Please**