

# Emerald Class Newsletter



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

Autumn Term 1

July 2024

Dear new Emerald Class parents, and Carers for September 2024,

As we come to the end of this academic year, we thought it would be useful for you to have the following information before the summer holiday so that you are able to be fully informed regarding PE days, Curriculum, Home learning and reading as well as any equipment your child may need when they join Emerald Class in September. We look forward to working with you to make your child's time in Year 1 successful.

Many thanks

Mrs Kaul and the Emerald team  
Mrs Wade, Mrs Elmer,  
Mrs Sevier and Mrs Chamberlain

## Emerald Class PE days

Our PE lessons will be on **Wednesdays and Fridays**. Children need to come to school on those days wearing their PE kit, with no earrings or jewelry and with long hair tied back.

Library - **Fridays**

## Reading and Home Learning

Please continue to read and share stories with your child every night. Reading books, reading records and homework grids will be issued shortly.

Reading books will be changed each Thursday so please ensure that reading records and books are brought in every Thursday morning.

Thank you for your support. Do let us know if you have any questions regarding your child and/or their learning.

Have a fabulous Summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Our topic this term is '**Awesome Autumn**'

We will be looking at how the world around us changes and what the weather does during this exciting time of year.

Activities will include:

Observing how a tree changes through the year

Looking at weather patterns and their effect on us.

Using autumn objects as a stimulus for Art.

In **English** we are looking at stories with familiar settings e.g. A Squash and a Squeeze and stories with patterned language e.g. Bear Hunt

In **Maths** we are learning to sort, count, order and recognise numbers to 10 and beyond. We will also be learning number bonds to 10 including addition and subtraction ie  $3+2=5$ ,  $5-2=3$ ,  $5-3=2$ . We will also be looking at shapes.

Our Topic in **RE** is 'Why do Christians call God creator?'

In **Science** and **Geography** we are learning about UK weather and the four seasons.

In **DT** we are exploring sliders and levers and will plan and make a model to demonstrate a weather forecast.

In **PSHE** we are learning about 'Being ourselves', including what makes us special and how important our feelings and thoughts are.

In **Computing** we will be looking at how a mouse can help us on a computer. We will also have 2 online safety lessons

**Opal Play** - as a whole school we will continue using our exciting activities for the children at playtime. To get the most out of this opportunity, each child should have a pair of **NAMED** wellington boots and a **NAMED** waterproof coat with a hood. Please note that your children may get muddy and as we are teaching them to manage risks they may have the odd bump and scrape; Opal Play call this 'hurt and dirt' - we have a comprehensive risk assessment and will be teaching children how to keep themselves safe. This has included safe climbing.

Please ensure that the children have these items at school with them every day:

- A bottle of water
- A snack pot containing a healthy snack eg fruit or raw vegetables

Please check that everything the children bring into school is clearly **named**.