



# Sapphire Class Newsletter



Thorpe Church of England Primary School.

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Our Autumn 2 Value is **Kindness**

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Dear Parents,

We hope the children and yourselves had a lovely half term break. We are settling back quickly into the routine of school and preparing for what will be a busy half term ahead.

Please can you support us by making sure your child can put on and take off their coat and shoes independently.

Many thanks

The Sapphire Team

## Sapphire Learning

**Literacy:** We will continue to teach 2 sounds each week and going over the common exception words, with a focus on writing them. We are continuing our focus on a story a week starting with Shark in the Park and this will lead in to Christmas, including the nativity and writing Christmas lists, cards and letters to Father Christmas. How exciting!

In **Maths** we are going to be exploring the concept of 'whole' and 'part' and continuing to look at composition of numbers. We are also continuing to practice subitising amounts in different arrangements and recognizing numbers.

In **RE** we are going to be looking at *Celebrations* how we celebrate Christmas and other celebrations including birthdays, Bonfire Night and Diwali.

For more information on what we are learning please look at the medium term plan on the school website (coming soon) and check the whiteboard outside the classroom each week.

Please return your child's home learning folder on a **Thursday** and put in the pink box at the beginning of the school day. Inside should be your child's:

1. Reading record book
2. Home learning
3. Reading book if your child has started taking home a levelled phonics book.

We would appreciate if you could keep all the above in your child's home learning folder to keep everything together and to try and look after our phonics scheme reading books!

- We will return the learning folder on **Friday** with all necessary home learning.
- Please continue to help your child become confident with reading the graphemes taught so far, form the letters in the correct way along with practising reading the words on the 'I can blend' sheets
- Please help your child to read and write the common exception words: I, the, to, no, go, into

Please **read to your child every day** (this could be a home library book, library book from school or a book from home!) Reading supports your child develop in many areas including language and communication and most importantly should be enjoyable!

## Reading books

Your child will start to take home a reading book once they know all the sounds and can blend independently. Our aim is for every child to take home a book as soon as possible so please see inside your child's reading record book to find out what they need to work on.

## Talking

This half term we are learning about celebrations. Talk with your child about what you did as a child to celebrate birthdays, Bonfire Night, Christmas and any other celebrations that are special to your family. If you have a chance, get your child to speak with their grandparents too so they can see how things have changed.

## PE

Sapphire class will continue to have PE on Wednesdays-please ensure your child comes into school on these days in their PE kits. They will be changing their shoes at lunch time so please make sure they can put their trainers on and off independently.

Any earrings must be removed before coming to school.

## Winter Weather

To make the most of the outside, please ensure your child has a thick coat every day, that they can put on and do up. Gloves and scarves can be stored in our 'Hat box' which is in the cloakroom.

## Names!

Everything that comes to school needs to have your child's name on it. Please check that their name has not been washed out of clothing or on water bottles. If you have lost anything over the last half term the lost property is located outside the staffroom.

## Library

Library day is on Thursday so please return library books on this day.



