

Amethyst Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Aided Primary School

Spring Term 1

January 2025



Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break! Thank you so much for all your lovely and generous gifts. We were very spoilt and are incredibly grateful for your kindness. Thank you also for your support with homework for the children's learning last term. It is much appreciated.

The children continue to take on the challenges and new opportunities that Year 3 brings this term. The topics for this half term include Rocks, Soils and Fossils and comparing Staines with a region of Britain (Lyme Regis).

In **English** we will focus on the text *The Fossil Girl* by Catherine Brighton. We will write a recount of her famous Ichthyosaur find and write reports focusing on Ichthyosaurs and other pre-historic animals of interest. Later in the term we will create different types of poems related to rocks and fossils.

In **Maths** we will continue our work on multiplication and division looking at methods for multiplying and dividing a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number. We will then explore measuring in mm, cm and m and lastly interpret statistics and present data using bar charts, pictograms, and tables.

If you have any worries or concerns about your child's learning, please do send us an e-mail or ask to speak to us.

Many thanks

Mrs. Vassallo and Miss Wallage

During the Spring Term 1 the theme for Year 3 is **Rocks and Soils**.

Science: Rocks and Soils: Describing the rock cycle and how fossils are formed. Identifying and comparing the purposes and properties of different rocks.

Geography: We will be doing a local area study this half-term on Staines-upon-Thames.

PSHE - Aiming High - Achievements and goals

R.E: What are the important times for Jewish people?

DT: Using the theme 'Fossils', children will design and make their own fossil pouches.

PSHE: Aiming High

P.E / Games: Invasion Games

Modern Foreign Language: To identify members of my family.

Amethyst Class PE.

We shall be having PE on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. We would be grateful if all items of clothing are named, earrings are taken out and long hair is tied back.

Home Learning

1) **Reading** - Please continue to read with your child **every night** and note it in their home school link books. Books are changed on a Friday.

2) **Spellings/Phonics** - Spelling/phonics books will be sent home on a Thursday. Children can also log on to Spelling Shed to practise these.

3) **Times tables** - Please continue to work on 2's, 5's, 10's, 3's, 4's and 8's.

4) **Maths Shed** - Maths lessons set each week. Children can also independently explore the site.

5) **Topic** - set half-termly. Sheet to be sent home. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail us.

Visitors

We will have a visitor from Haslemere Museum doing a workshop with the children on **Monday 13th January** about rocks and fossils. We have also borrowed the loan boxes from the museum, so the children can explore different rocks and minerals.

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

- A bottle of water
- A playtime snack
- Their reading book and home school link book, every day.
- A coat