



# Amber Class Newsletter

## Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. Thank you so much for all your thoughtful cards and generous gifts - they are much appreciated.

Mrs Dray is looking forward to working with year 5 and meeting you all soon.

This term we are focusing on explanation texts and persuasive leaflets in **English** linked to our topic work.

In **Maths**, we will be using the formal written method for multiplication (up to 4 digit x 2 digit) and division (up to 4 digit by 1 digit). Then revisiting fractions to learn how to multiply unit, non-unit fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers.

If you have any questions or concerns, we are always ready to listen. Please contact us via email to discuss anything further - [amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk)

Many thanks for your support last term. We are looking forward to a productive half term to start 2025.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Ambridge and Mrs Dray

### Topic

#### Science

Children will compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, solubility, transparency, conductivity (electrical and thermal) and response to magnets.

Learn that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution and experiment and describe how to recover a substance from a solution.

#### Grammar

Brackets, dashes and commas to indicate parenthesis

#### French

How can I identify my favourite and least favourite school subjects?

#### R.E.

What helps Hindus to worship?



#### Art

How did social and historical factors affect Frida Kahlo's artwork? What emotions does her artwork convey?

#### Geography

How do people cope with volcanoes and earthquakes in and around Mexico City?

#### PSHE - Aiming High!

Focusing on achievements, aspirations and opportunities. Please see attached overview.

We are excited to share our new **Values** for each half term.

**H**onesty, **E**mpathy, **A**spiration, **R**espect, **T**rust and **S**trength; **HEARTS** ♥.

These values will be discussed during all aspects of school life to support children's behaviour and personal development.

#### Amber Class PE days

Our PE lessons continue on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. We would be grateful if all items of clothing are named, earrings are taken out and long hair is tied back. Please remember to come to school wearing school PE kit: t-shirt, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and trainers for PE outside. This half term we will be focusing on: Gym and also Games leading to Tag Rugby.

#### 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 4 times a week** (every night if possible).
- 2) **Spellings** - On a Friday, 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 Friday.
- 3) **Maths home learning** - Home learning will be set on Tuesdays every week. **This will be a task from their Maths Journal.** They will need to be returned by the following Tuesday when we will go over the task together. Children also need to continue to practise their times tables that they have been given to focus on.
- 5) **Topic homework** - This should be completed every two to three weeks, using an idea from the grid attached. The children have usernames and passwords in the front of their homework diaries. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e mail us at [amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:amberclass@thorpe.surrey.sch.uk)

