



# Topaz Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Love, Faith & Excellence

Spring Term Part 1

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Dear Parents and Carers,  
Welcome back!

We hope you have managed to have a lovely break over the Christmas period. Thank you so much to everyone for your lovely cards and presents - we very much appreciate your generosity and kind words. Although this term is a relatively short one, it will be filled with a lot of hard work. Keep your eyes peeled in the homework diaries for any extra homework, SAT's information or activities the children may need your help with. Maths booster classes will continue throughout this term.

Thank you for your continued support.  
The year 6 team.

## English

**Narrative** - Based on their learning on the Blitz

**Letters and diaries** - Based on life in WW1 trenches.

**Reading comprehension** - Linked to our topic on WW1 and WW2

**Spellings** - All spellings patterns that we work on in the class will be assigned on Spelling shed and written in homework diaries.

**Grammar** - Revision of word classes and SATs style questions.

## Grammar and Punctuation

Subjunctive verb form.

Passive and active voice.

Modal Verbs.

Word classes

Semi colons

Cohesion

**Music** Singing - Leavers production practice

## Maths

Ratio, algebra and decimals

Fractions and multiplication and division.

**R.E.** - What helps Muslims to live a good life?

**Science:** Evolution and Inheritance. What do we mean by Evolution?

**Computing** - Coding and programming (linked to WW2)

**DT** - Making our own WW2 air raid torch using computer coding.

## Topaz Class PE days

Our PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. PE kit should be worn to school on those days.

All earrings should be removed and all long hair should be tied back.

## **SATs**

Next term (Summer term), your children will complete the 'Standard Assessment Tests' (SATs) in the week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> May. This covers:

- Reading - comprehension
- Maths - one arithmetic and two reasoning papers.
- Grammar - 2 papers (One spelling and one short answer paper)

## **SO PLEASE:**

- **Read** - listen to your child **every** night and ask questions about what your child has read. - quality not quantity!
- **Times tables** - practise speed and recall to support calculations.
- **Support your child with any home learning.**
- **Have a regular routine to encourage the development of work and play**
- **Encourage your child to have a sensible bedtime.**

**Changes:** This term the children may also be given practice papers and ten-minute tests to develop their understanding in different areas. These will be given out when appropriate - details will be in homework diaries.

As always, please do come and see me if there are any concerns or ideas you would like to discuss.

Thank you for your continued and amazing support.

**SATs Meeting: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 4pm on Teams.**

# Happy New Year!