

Sapphire Class Newsletter

Love, Faith & Excellence



Thorpe Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you once again for the lovely presents, cards and good wishes you gave the Sapphire Class team at Christmas - you are very kind.

We hope you and your children all had a happy and safe Christmas and we wish you all a very Happy New Year!

We look forward to continuing to partner with you in your child's learning this term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and see one of the team.

Many thanks

The Sapphire Team (Miss Wallage, Mrs Warren, Miss Light and Mrs Parsons)

Our topic this half term is 'Once Upon a Time...'. As part of this topic our learning will include:

Literacy

We will be using traditional tales as a basis for our writing-these will include 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', 'The Three Little Pigs', 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Enormous Turnip'. We will be looking at how stories have a beginning, middle and end and also at settings and character. We will continue to practise letter formation and learn a poem or song a week. Phonics lessons will continue on a daily basis.

Maths

This half term we will continue to follow our Maths Mastery, subitising, looking at parts and wholes of numbers and looking at patterns. We will also compare height, length and width, time, 3-D shapes and patterns.

RE

Our topic this half term is *What makes a place special?* We will look at different buildings including St Mary's Church. We will find out what people do when they go to church, and how we feel in our special places.

Home learning

There has been fantastic progress in the children's reading over the last half term- please continue to support your child in learning sounds, reading Common Exception Words and listening to your child read at least 3 times a week. **Don't forget to also read to your child every day - this could be a home book, school library book or even a book from the local library.**

Handwriting Heroes

We sent home information about handwriting heroes in the first week. Please support your child with this, focusing on one letter family at a time.

Please note

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday. Please ensure children come to school in their PE kits without earrings.

Names!

Please ensure that everything (even socks!!!) your child brings to school has their name on it. If you have any missing items please check lost property.

Mastering Number

The children have sent home an invitation for you to attend a maths workshop on either Tuesday 28th January or Tuesday 4th October. We are looking forward to seeing you there! Maths home learning will be sent home in the weeks after the workshop.

Cold Weather

We try to go outside everyday, so please make sure your child has a thick warm coat, gloves hat and scarf, all **named**.

Can you help?

Next half term our topic is *People who Help Us*. We would love to have some visitors, so if you are or know someone who is a doctor, nurse, dentist, police officer, vet or fire fighter (or another 'real life superhero!') please can you let us know so we can arrange a visit. Many thanks!

