



Ruby Class Newsletter

Thorpe Church of England Primary School

Faith, Love and Excellence

Spring Term 2

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Dear All,

Welcome back! We hope that you all enjoyed a restful week with your families. We have a busy half term ahead of us with lots of exciting learning planned!

Key dates: WC 2nd March - Science Week including World Book day on Thursday 5th March.

Friday 13th March- Sports Relief Day

Tuesday 31st March and Thursday 2nd April - Parents' Evening

Friday 3rd April - Easter Service at St Mary's Church.

Mystery Reader - We would like to officially introduce 'Mystery Reader' to Ruby Class. It would be fantastic if some parents came in to read a book of their choice to the whole class at the end of the day. Please come and speak to us if you would like to join in with the fun!

Maths Focus - This half term we will be having a Maths focus. Please practice the Rainbow Challenge with your child as frequently as possible to help develop their mental recall which is crucial in helping them prepare for the SATs.

Design and Technology-This half term we will be making animal sock puppets. Please can your child bring in an old sock into school. Your child may also bring in items to decorate their puppet should they wish.

Thank you for your support ☺ The Ruby Team

Star Readers

Well done to all the children who are star readers each week (read at least 4 times in a week). ☺ Please listen to your child read as much as possible and ask questions about the book that they are reading to help develop their reading skills. We would appreciate if you could record some of the questions that you ask and the child's answers in their homeschool link book.

Our topic this half term is '*Amazing Animals*'.

Our focus in **English** this half term will be focusing on:

- Using conjunctions in our sentences (and, but, or, when, that, because, if)
- Using commas to write a list e.g. I am brown, grey or white.
- Using contractions e.g. haven't, it's, I'm
- Writing questions

We will be writing riddles about animals and then will move onto writing about animals that live in the rainforest, including creating our own imaginary animal!

In **Maths** we will be working through the Rainbow Challenge daily to help ~~strengthen~~ arithmetic skills.

We will also be working on fractions:

- Finding fractions $\frac{1}{4}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of quantities, amounts, shape and length

We will then move onto measuring length and height.

Science: Living things and their habitats

History: The history of flight, Amy Johnson and Hilda Hewlett.

D&T: Sock puppets

RE 'What is Easter really about?'

PSHE: 'Healthy Me'

Please see the website for more details and the board outside the classroom.

SATs Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. You should all have had a pack that was sent before half term. These are to work on at home to help familiarise your child with SATs style questions. We will be sending home targets to practice if we feel there is something your child needs to work on. Please come and speak to us if you would like our assistance or if you have any questions ☺

Home learning - we appreciate your support in handing in the appropriate books each day

Monday

- Spelling rules will be sent home to investigate

Thursday

- A Maths activity will be sent to be handed in the following week.
- Occasionally additional home learning may be given out.

PE Kit

The children need to have their PE kit at school ready to change into on Monday and Wednesday.

Their PE kit should include blue shorts, blue tracksuit bottoms, school yellow t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers. Please can earrings be removed on PE days and all items be named.