



Monday 19th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! Please see below details of all the topics we are covering this term.

	Sum 1 - 7 weeks	Sum 2 - 6weeks
Geography	Connecting Classrooms Project (link with Egyptian school)	Why should the rainforest be important to us all?
Science	Life cycles and reproduction of plants	Materials - properties of/changes
English	'Tuesday' picture book Leading into Journalistic writing Non-chronological reports	'The Great Kapok Tree' (Rainforest link) Leading into balanced arguments and descriptive writing
Maths	Factors and common factors Multiples and common multiples Fractions, decimals and percentages.	2D/3D Shape Angles (identify, compare, estimate and measure.) Converting units of measure (length/mass/capacity/time.) Metric and imperial measures
Computing	Sound and Music	Information Literacy
DT	Prepare and cook savoury dishes Why buy local, seasonal and sustainable food?	Pneumatic systems - Moving animals
Art	Surrealism - Salvador Dali Observational drawing linked to Science	3D Art - Simon Goldsworthy Using natural objects to create temporary sculptures
RE Buddhism + Christianity	Sacred Writings	Pilgrimage
PE	Cricket and swimming	Golf and swimming
PSHE	Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds (Good to be Me)	Ready, Steady, Go (changes)

Reading

Children will continue to bring home their reading book to read at home. They will be rewarded with stickers on their bookmarks which are then converted to House tokens. It is important to continue with home reading even once your child is a confident, independent reader.

A few reasons to read:

- Reading exercises the brain
- Reading helps children learn how 'writers' write and how they use words and phrases
- It develops imagination and increases vocabulary
- Reading improves general knowledge and broadens children's understanding of human experiences, places and times beyond their own life experiences
- Reading is an essential life-long skill

PE

P.E will be on Wednesdays and the children should wear their PE kits to schools on this day.

Design Technology

In order to help pay for ingredients for DT (cooking) this half term, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child. All contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Homework

Due to current circumstances, Thorpe School is trying to limit the volume of resources being sent home and brought back into school, therefore, homework tasks will be as follows:

Spooky Spellings - this half term we are revisiting Y3/4 Common Exception words and next half term, we will focus on the Y5/6 Common Exception words list.

Y5 spelling rules – lists are set weekly on Spelling Shed

TTrockstars – to improve rapid recall of multiplication and division facts

Behaviour

I continue to have high expectations for all children regarding the effort they put into their work and their behaviour in school. Every child is aware of our class rules, the rewards and consequences which follow poor behaviour choices.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school and I will help in any way I can.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Davidson

Year 5 Teacher.