



## Talk for life and learning!

Attached with this newsletter is all of the key words we will be seeing, saying, learning and using in class. It would be great, if you could use these words at home.

Here are a few key words to get you started:

1. Synonym
2. Antonym
3. Grimacing
4. Irrate

## Class 5's Autumn 1 Newsletter

We are the 'Terrific Tigers'

A very warm welcome to this week's newsletter.

## Class Attendance Update

Each half term, we will update you on how our class attendance is looking compared to the other classes in school. As a school we are aiming high for 98% attendance this year and we have a saying in school, **'The best ability is availability.'**

Class 5's attendance: 97.7%

School attendance: 98.2%



*"Children at Thurgoland CE Primary are encouraged to see that everyone is special and unique and, in this way, gain a sense of ourselves as a unique individual - that true self, or best self, God has created us to be."*

## Class Specific Events and Information

Below is a list of events and important information specific to our class. For a comprehensive view of whole school events, please refer to the school's website or Mr. Jordan's weekly newsletter.

### Upcoming Class Events

Class Trip to York Chocolate Story

- Date: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025
- Time: 9:00 - 3:15 PM
- Details: Students will support their learning about the Ancient Maya. Please remember to pack a lunch.

### Important Information

#### Homework Policy

Homework is assigned every half term. The children should complete each task (reading, TT Rockstars, a choice of topic and spellings) weekly and send it in on dojo or bring it to school to share with the class. Please encourage your child to manage their time effectively and complete as many tasks as possible each week.

#### Classroom Supplies Needed

We kindly request donations of cardboard for our upcoming DT project where children will be building carousels on week 3 and 4.

For any questions or additional details, please feel free to reach out to the Class Teacher, who will be on the door every morning or email your enquiry to [office@thurgolandprimary.org](mailto:office@thurgolandprimary.org) and we will get back to you within 48 hours. Anything urgent please phone or catch us face to face. We look forward to an exciting and productive half term!



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*"It has been said beautifully and profoundly, that our God in his most inner mystery is not solitude, but a family." John Paul II*



*As educators we are all passionate about the way children are formed by the environment in which they grow. To become our best self we will need the environment that enables this.*

## What are we learning about this half term?

This half term, Class 5 will embark on an exciting journey of discovery across various subjects. Our goal is to provide a well-rounded educational experience that fosters children to love to learn, give things a go, be resilient, show respect and aim high. Below is an overview of the topics we will explore.

### Reading:

In Reading, we will read the following book: The Explorer by C. Rundell

Our focus will be on developing our understanding of new vocabulary and different question types for written answers.

### Writing:

In writing we will be exploring poetry with examples of figurative language and animal themed non chronological reports. Children will have the opportunity to write short descriptive narratives from first person and well as a set of instructions about how to survive if you crash land in the jungle.

Our focus will be on developing higher level sentence structures.

### Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will cover foundational concepts, including:  
Knowledge of number, place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

### Science:

In science, we will focus on: Space. Students will learn about different planets in our solar system, night and day and shadows.

### Physical Education:

In PE children will be learning football skills and participating in some Aztec dancing.

### PHSE/RSE:

This half term, children will be looking at the topic of keeping and staying safe. They will look at how we can be influenced and pressured to make unsafe choices and ways in which we can stay safe.

### Art / DT:

In DT, children will be building carousels powered by circuits built in ICT. In Art, class 5 will be creating portraits inspired by Frieda Kahlo.

### Music:

Children will learn and perform songs about Ancient Egypt (a link to their Y3 topic) and play a simple melody.

### Geography / History:

This half term, Y5 will be learning about the Ancient Maya; they will learn about the Spanish invasion and how this affected the lives of the Maya.

### French:

Children will learn body parts using fun monster mash ups.

This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class 5. We look forward to a season filled with learning, growth, and fun!

**You can find more detailed information about the knowledge and skills your child will be learning in our curriculum documents, which can be found on the school website: <https://thurgolandprimary.org/curriculum-statement/>**



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Please encourage your child to complete their homework weekly on Class Dojo's and if you want to spend a little more time on home learning, why don't you try an activity from our half term bingo boards. You can find these on the school website and this half terms bingo board is attached with this newsletter. <https://thurgolandprimary.org/students/>  
The bingo boards can be downloaded from the tabs, which are located on the left hand side of the webpage.



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