



## 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. illuminated
2. determined
3. ungrateful
4. inviting
5. interpretation

## Class 2's Spring 1 Newsletter

We are the 'Spectacular Sea Otters'

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 2's attendance: 96%      School attendance: 97.8%



*"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

- First homework after half term to be set Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Year 2 Sculpture park trip

- Date: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026
- Time: Arrive by 8:40, return for 3:15.
- Details: We will visit the Sculpture park as part of our art curriculum. Children will be outside for most of the day and will need to wear weather appropriate clothing in addition to school uniform.

### Homework Policy

Homework is assigned every Friday and is due the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to manage their time effectively. In Class 2, we also set a reading comprehension activity. We will send home a paper copy of this in addition to putting a copy on Dojo.

### Playtime snacks

Children in KS1 are provided with fresh fruit / vegetables daily for their morning snack and are allowed to bring an extra piece of fruit/vegetable from home if they would like. Children who bring a packed lunch should only eat these at lunchtime alongside their peers in the dinner hall.



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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!

*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 2 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:

Beginning this half-term, we will begin teaching reading through Read Write Inc comprehension. This will give children the opportunity to read a short story or non-fiction text each week. They will be immersed in the new vocabulary within these texts, develop their inference skills with a focus on written comprehension answers and also understand how to read a text fluently and expressively through echo and choral reading.

### Writing:

In writing we will be exploring narrative writing with a focus on The Snow Dragon and writing a newspaper report based on the story 'Meet Me By The Steelman'. Our final unit will be writing a recount based on the Class trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Our focus will be on developing the use of adjectives for descriptive writing, use of sentence openers, contracted forms of words and sequencing adverbials.

### Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will continue our work on shapes and their properties. We will then move on to multiplication and division. Times tables will still be our 2, 5 and 10 times tables with the introduction of the 3 times tables.

### Science:

In science, our new unit is Healthy Animals. This unit will look at what humans and animals need in order to be alive and to keep healthy.

### RE:

This half term's focus is Islam and Ramadan. Our question will be 'What do Muslims celebrate at Eid-ul-Fitr?'.

### Physical Education:

Target games and gymnastics.

### PHSE/RSE:

Our unit is about 'Being responsible' which includes learning the importance of not giving up, setting goals and trying to achieve them.

### History:

Our learning is about Sheffield and Steel – we will be investigating the life of Samuel Fox and his influence over Fox Valley during the development of the steel industry and how this impacted our local area.

### Music:

Contrasting dynamics: Space theme. This unit explores space themed soundscapes.

### Computing:

This half term we will be learning about how to take photographs. We will look at editing and reviewing photographs.



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This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class 2. 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/>

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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