



Class 3 Spring 1 Newsletter

We are the 'Tremendous Turtles.'

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. Jostled
2. Grotesque
3. Reliable
4. Iconic

A very warm welcome to this half term'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 3's attendance: 99.4 %

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

Our swimming lessons continue

Date: Every Thursday

Details: Class 3 will have the opportunity to develop their swimming skills in lessons every Thursday morning this half term. The last lesson will be on Thursday 29th January

Online Parents' evening

Date: Tuesday 13th January and Thursday 15th January

Details: An opportunity to meet with Class 3 staff and discuss your child's progress and attainment.

Our class trip to Magna

Date: Wednesday 14th January

Details: Class 3 will be visiting Magna Science Centre to engage in a Forces workshop and have lots of hands on experiences and scientific fun.

Safer Internet Day

Date: Tuesday 10th February

Details: We will be securing and sharing our knowledge of how to stay safe online.

Our Egyptian Play Rehearsals begin!

Date: Week 4, Spring 1



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Details: We will be performing an Egyptian themed play for parents and carers next half term, but we're learning our script and songs during Spring 1. Look out for homework and a letter about costumes related to this in the last few weeks of this half term.

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.

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 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 3 will be diving into a wide range of exciting learning across our subjects. Our aim is to provide a rich and balanced curriculum that encourages children to love learning, have a go, be resilient, show respect and aim high. Below is an overview of the topics we will be exploring.

Reading

We will read Egyptian Sleepover as a class, exploring the story, characters and vocabulary. We will discuss the plot, make predictions and answer a variety of questions to deepen our understanding and develop our thinking skills.

Writing

We will begin the half term by writing a first-person recount inspired by The Egyptian Cinderella, focusing on sequencing events clearly and using descriptive language to show viewpoint. We will then move on to writing a narrative inspired by Howard Carter, using detail, direct speech and rich vocabulary to bring historical events to life.

Mathematics

In mathematics, we will continue developing our understanding of multiplication and division, using different methods and representations to solve problems. Later in the half term, we will move on to our next topic: length and perimeter. We will measure, compare and calculate lengths, applying our learning to practical contexts.

Science

In science, our focus will be on Forces. We will explore how objects move on different surfaces, investigate the effects of pushes and pulls, and learn about magnets and magnetic materials. We will carry out practical investigations, make predictions, and discuss what our results tell us.

History

This half term, we will learn about the Ancient Egyptians. We will explore who they were, how they lived, their beliefs and the amazing achievements of this fascinating civilisation. We will examine artefacts and evidence to help us understand life in the past.

Art

In art, we will study the bold and colourful pottery designs of Clarice Cliff. We will explore her use of shape, pattern and colour before creating our own artwork inspired by her distinctive style.

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Our RE question this half term is: How do the Five Pillars help Muslims express their faith? We will learn about each of the Five Pillars, understand their importance within Islam, and explore how they guide and support Muslims in their everyday lives.

Physical Education

In PE, we will be developing our gymnastic skills each week. We will practise control, point balance and movement.

PSHE

This half term in PSHE, we will focus on being responsible and understanding our feelings, including learning about grief. We will think about how our actions affect others and explore ways to recognise, express and manage emotions safely and respectfully.

Music

In music, we will be developing our singing skills through Viking-themed songs. We will explore rhythm, pitch and performance, working together to sing with control and confidence.

Computing

In computing, we will learn how to create sequences using a block-based programming language to make music. Children will experiment with combining sounds, building patterns and composing simple pieces, developing their understanding of how technology can be used to create and organise musical ideas.

French

In French, we will be learning numbers. We will practise saying, recognising and using numbers in simple sentences, building our confidence with counting and number vocabulary.

This half term promises to bring plenty of excitement, discovery and progress for Class 3. As we begin the new year, we look forward to seeing children grow in confidence, deepen their learning and approach each day with enthusiasm, resilience, high aspirations and kindness towards others. **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 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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