



## Class 4's Spring 1 Newsletter

We are the Brave Black Rhinos!

### 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. Vivid
2. Admiration
3. Lurking
4. Proportion

**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 4's attendance: 97.9%

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

##### Friday Morning Music Enrichment!

Every Friday morning, for this half term, we are very excited to start our music enrichment! During our session, as a class we will all learn to play the recorder! Please note, our recorders will be provided by Barnsley Music Services. We will share our journey on Class Dojo.

##### Parents Evening

These will be held remotely on Teams. All parents should have booked their appointment for either Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 or Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

##### Crazy Rules Day!

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 we have crazy rules day in school. More information will follow.

#### Important Information

##### Homework Policy

Homework is assigned every Friday and is due the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to manage their time effectively. In Class 4 our homework consists of: daily reading (upload 2 minutes of reading to Dojo once per week), half-termly spelling practice, daily TTRS practice, optional topic homework – this half term our topic is all related to the Earthquakes!

**Homework is always set on a Friday and due back in the following Thursday.**



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### Classroom Supplies Needed

Thank you for all our donations over Autumn term, we are very grateful.

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 4 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 books: The Boy Who Grew Dragons. This is an exciting book about a boy who discovers dragon fruit in his garden, which real dragons hatch out from!

Our focus will be on developing understanding of the high-level vocabulary used across the texts and being able to accurately select key words/phrases for retrieval and vocabulary comprehension questions.

### Writing:

In writing we will be using our class text – The Boy Who Grew Dragons - to inspire a narrative which focuses on applying and embedding speech and dialogue into a story to convey a character's thoughts and emotions. For our second unit, we will be writing a newspaper report all about the magical hatching of the dragons, from dragon fruit, found in a young boy's garden.

Our focus will be on developing our accuracy when using punctuation for speech and be able to use direct and indirect speech when writing our newspaper reports.

### Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will cover foundational concepts, including: Multiplication, Division and learning how to calculate area. We will embed our learning of multiplication in column method and division using short division. We will also learn about perimeter and length.

### Science:

In science, we will focus on: sound. This unit will teach us all about how sound travels.

### Physical Education:

We will begin building our knowledge and expertise in basketball and controlling the ball with dribbling and passing. We also have a basketball competition and swimming gala coming up!

### PHSE/RSE:

We will be learning all about our feelings and emotions and understanding taking responsibility.

### Art

In Art this half term, we will be looking at various authors and drawing people in action.

### Music

We will explore haikus and performing!



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## Geography

We will explore the question of, 'Why do some earthquakes cause more damage than others' and develop understanding of how cities prepare for earthquakes and what causes an earthquake.

## French:

In French we will learn all about French weather and the water cycle.

## RE:

In RE, we learn all about Islam and explore the key question of, 'Why is the Qur'an a special book to Muslims?' We take time to reflect on how we show respect to all holy texts across religions.

This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class 4. 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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