



## Class 5's Spring 1 Newsletter

We are the 'Terrific Tigers'

**A very warm welcome to this week's newsletter.**

### 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. prised
2. dissipated
3. ravenous
4. anguished
5. solitary

### 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: 97.9 %      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

- Tudor Day and Tudor Dancing - Thursday 5th February 2026. 14:30 performance for parents in the hall. Be ready to join in!
- Crazy Rules Day – 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 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](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.*





*By working and playing together we can love, learn and respect.*

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

## 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 Boy in the Girl's Bathroom by L. Sachar and a video inspiration titled: The Alchemist's Letter

### Writing

In writing we will be exploring diary entries, writing short narratives and learning what monologues are and how to present them.

Our focus will be on developing our use of characterisation, emotive language (show don't tell phrases) and also how to use punctuation effectively.

### Mathematics

Our mathematics curriculum will cover foundational concepts, including:

Multiplication, division, fractions and decimals and percentages.

### Science

In science, we will focus on: Properties of Materials

Students will learn about how materials are used, their purpose, advantages and disadvantages and properties.

### Physical Education

In PE children will be learning skills to improve their dodgeball skills and also participating in some Tudor dancing.

### PHSE/RSE

This half term, children will be looking at the topic of being responsible and the feeling of anger.

### Art / DT

In DT, children will be learning different methods of stitching and creating Tudor Roses.

### Music

Children will be learning about South and West African Music where they will learn to sing a traditional African song unaccompanied and create an eight-beat break to play within a performance.

### Geography / History

This half term, Y5 will be learning about the Tudors. They will look at how they came to power and how they stayed on the throne.

### French

Children will be learning to describe shops and words related to shopping in French this half term.

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/>**

**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.**



*At Thurgoland CE Primary School, everyone is inspired to reach their full potential and become their best self, to make the world a better place.*