



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. Covering
2. Exported
3. Creation
4. Deciduous
5. Measurement

Class 1's Spring 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Peaceful Pandas.'

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 1's attendance: 98.0% School attendance:97.5%



"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

- **Book Fayre – 4th March 2026 & 5th March 2026**
- **World Book Day (Reading Heroes) – 4th March 2026**
- **Yorkshire Wildlife Park – 5th March 2026 (please see previous letter regarding this visit)**
- **Mother's Day Poetry Performance for Mums and Grandmothers**
Date: Friday 13th March
Time: Performance 1: 8:50-9:00am, Performance 2: 9:00am-9:10am
Details: Class 1 will perform a special poem for our mums and grandmothers. We will do 2 performances, in case you are watching another performance in another classroom that day too.
- **Red Nose Day – 20th March 2026**
- **Celebration Assembly in church (By invite) – 24th March 2026**
- **Book Amnesty – 25th March 2026**
- **Easter Disco – 25th March 2026 (KS1 15:15 – 16:30)**
- **Easter Bonnet Parade, Egg rolling, Easter Cake Bake off and Special Friday Feast – 27th March 2026**
- **Last day of School – 27th March 2026. Enjoy your Easter Break!!**



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Important Information

Homework Policy

Homework is assigned every Friday and is due the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to manage their time effectively.

We are very lucky to have a wonderful dedicated area outside EYFS and year 1 classroom. This enhances our curriculum and learning through play-based opportunities. As you can appreciate, time is spent planning and organising this provision to meet the needs of our children, so we really would appreciate your support by supervising younger family members to avoid toys and resources being used at drop off and collection times. Thank you

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 1 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: Owl babies, Tiddler and Sonya's chickens.

Our focus will be on understanding the sequence of the story and thinking about how the characters might feel. We will develop our oracy skills to ask questions about a text for a deeper understanding of the events that occur.

Writing:

In writing we will be exploring the same books as we do in reading which allows us to develop our understanding of the story. Our in-depth understanding of the stories supports oracy and develops our ability to write about the narrative we are reading. Our focus this half term will continue and we will develop our use of capital letter, finger spaces and full stops. We will work hard to develop the use of 'ed' and the use of capital letters for days of the week and introducing the 'ing' suffix so we can extend our writing skills. We will develop our independent writings skills and start to apply more of what we know.

Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will cover a range of concepts, including: place value within 50, length and height as well as mass and volume. We further develop our mathematical skills through our 'Mastering Number' programme to develop our mental maths skills and support our mathematical understanding.

Science:

In science, we will focus on: Plants

In this unit the children will explore, identify and name a variety of different plants. They will also have the opportunity to plant various vegetables. The children will identify various parts of a plant and then describe its use.

Physical Education:

In PE we cover a range of skills this half term, including our dodging and marking skills during our 'invasion games' unit. In our 'gymnastics' unit we will work on performing shape jumps, safely performing different rolls using the correct technique we will then use our new knowledge to be able to perform a sequence of gymnastic skills.



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PSHE:

In PSHE, we will focus on: Internet safety.

In this unit the children will explore safe interactions on the internet. We will look at keeping safe on the internet and what to do if we have any concerns.

Design Technology:

In Design Technology we will be focusing on the healthy foods. We will discuss what a fruit and vegetable is. We will taste test different fruits to investigate a range of different tastes including bitter, sour and sweet. We will then create a healthy fruit salad in the shapes of animals.

RE:

Our focus this half term is Christianity where we learn new vocabulary and information about the creation story. We investigate the question... Who made the world?

Music:

In music, we will focus on: Sound patterns. We will listen to multiple pieces of music featuring a theme of fairy tales. Year 1 children will have multiple opportunities throughout the term to learn new songs to perform as small groups and as a class.

Geography:

In our Geography unit we focus on why don't penguins need to fly? We look at the climate in different areas of the world, introduce different types of deserts and investigate adaptations that animals have to be able to survive in these deserts. We think about why these animals would not like to live in Thurgoland. A visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park helps us to see one of our focus animals 'The camel' but also allows us to discuss what other animals have adaptations and how it helps them survive.

Phonics:

This term phonics is highly important in preparation for the government's phonics screening check that takes place in June. As well as our daily phonics lessons, all Year 1 children will have opportunities to embed their knowledge through continuous provision. We appreciate the extra support given to the children through reading their phonics books at home in preparation for the check.

This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class 1. We look forward to a term 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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