THURGOLAND

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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. reluctantly
2. impatient
3. sympathetic
4. irritable
5. grime

Class 2's Spring 2 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: 96.8% 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

- **First homework after half term to be set Friday 27th January 2026**
- **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 2 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.

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 additional 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.

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

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 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:
This half-term, we will continue teaching reading through Read Write Inc comprehension. We are so proud of how the children have approached this new style of reading. Children will 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 True Story of the Three Little Pigs. We will then explore how to write an explanation text about the journey from a seed to a sunflower. Finally, we will learn the features of a persuasive text. This unit allows children to write in a more formal style and to use a range of sentence openers appropriate to this genre. Our final piece is also used to persuade Mr Jordan so it gives the children a purpose for writing.

Mathematics:
Our mathematics curriculum will be based around money for the beginning of the half term so as many opportunities for you to look at coins and their values, adding coins to see how much they have or working out cost and change would be a perfect way to support this unit. The later part of the half term we will begin our fractions work where we will find fractions of objects and amounts, continue our work on shapes and their properties. We will then move on to multiplication and division. Times tables will be our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables.

Science:
In science, our new unit is Ready, Steady, Grow! We look at seeds and bulbs, seed dispersal and also try and grow a few things!

RE:
This half terms focus is Christianity and the different parts of the Easter story.

Physical Education:
This half term we will look at sending and receiving games and gymnastics.

PHSE/RSE:
Our unit this half term is looking at computer safety.

Design Technology
This half term we will be making a Micro-garden with a stable structure.

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

Computing:
This half term we will be learning how to programme simple quizzes on Scratch Junior.

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.

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.