



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. Crouching
2. Logic
3. Inhabited
4. Blurted

Class 3 Spring 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Tremendous Turtles.'

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: 96.9%

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

Superhero Themed World Book Day

- **Date:** Wednesday 4th March
- **Details:** Children are invited to dress as their favorite superhero to celebrate reading and stories.

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 3 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.

Mother's Day Secret Sale

- **Date:** Friday 13th March
- **Time:** 1:00 – 3:30 pm
- **Details:** Children will have the opportunity to choose a secret gift for Mother's Day.

Thurgoland's Got Talent

- **Date:** Wednesday 18th March
- **Details:** Our class will showcase their skills in this exciting school-wide talent event.

Egyptian Play Performance

- **Date:** Friday 20th March
- **Time:** 2:30



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- **Details:** Parents and carers are invited to watch our Egyptian themed play that the children have been rehearsing since Spring 1.

Easter Disco

- **Date:** Wednesday 25th March
- **Time:** 4:45 – 6:00 pm
- **Details:** A fun end-of-term event with music, dancing, and games for the children.

Important Information

We have an exciting change to Key Stage 2 homework from this half term onwards.

We are going to be using an app called SUMDOG, which is a brilliant platform for consolidating Maths and spelling in an engaging and interactive way of learning. Your child should have already brought home a QR code so that they can log on to complete their homework.

Weekly homework expectations will be the following:

SUMDOG maths

SUMDOG spellings

DOJO reading- please read daily with your child, with one short read each week being recorded and shared with staff via Dojo

TTRS times tables

We thank you for your continued support and engagement with weekly homework.

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!

Welcome Back, Mrs Eamon

We are delighted to share that Mrs Eamon will be returning to school on Monday 23rd March following her maternity leave. We know you will join us in warmly welcoming her back and we hope she has enjoyed this very special time with her family.

From 23rd March, Mrs Eamon will teach Class 3 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each week. On Thursday and Friday, the class will be taught by Mrs Kaskiewicz, ensuring consistency and continuity across the week.

Mrs Wise will remain in school and is very much looking forward to continuing to see the children grow and progress. Although she will not be teaching Class 3 on a regular basis, she will still be very much part of school life and supporting the wider school community.

We are excited for the months ahead and look forward to continuing to work together to support the children in Class 3.

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



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We will read *Akimbo Adventures* 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

The children will create an action narrative inspired by *Akimbo Adventures*. They will focus on using high-level vocabulary, a range of exciting verbs and dialogue to move the story forward, helping to bring their stories to life while developing strong sequencing and descriptive skills.

Mathematics

We will focus on fractions and capacity. Children will recognise, compare, and calculate fractions and solve practical problems. They will also measure, compare, and calculate capacities in litres and millilitres, applying their learning to real-life contexts.

Science

Our topic is Roots and Shoots. Children will explore the main parts of plants, including roots, stems, leaves, and flowers, and understand their roles in growth and reproduction. They will learn that all plants need air, light, water, and nutrients, although different plants have specific requirements. Children will explore how plants make their own food to provide energy, understand how water is transported through the roots, and identify the parts of the flower needed for reproduction, explaining the plant life cycle.

Geography

Children will be learning about jungles and deserts. They will explore the key characteristics and climates of these environments, including the plants and animals that live there. Children will also consider how humans adapt to life in these areas, learning about the ways people live, work, and survive in very different conditions. Through this study, they will develop their understanding of physical and human geography and how the natural world affects communities.

DT

Children will be designing and making moving monsters. They will explore how mechanisms work and apply their engineering skills to create models that can move. Throughout the project, they will plan, design, build, and evaluate their creations, learning how to solve problems, make improvements and bring their ideas to life.

RE

This half term focuses on the question, "Why do Christians call the day Jesus died Good Friday?" Children will explore the significance of Good Friday and the concept of salvation within Christianity.

Physical Education

In PE, children will develop their skills in basketball and gymnastics. In basketball, they will focus on invasion game skills, practising control, movement, teamwork, and game strategies to play confidently and effectively. In gymnastics, children will develop balance, coordination, and control while learning to combine movements into sequences. The lessons aim to build fitness, confidence, and enjoyment in physical activity, encouraging children to work individually and collaboratively.

PSHE

PSHE in Spring 2 will focus on computer safety. Children will learn to identify possible dangers and consequences of talking to strangers online, keep safe in online chatrooms, and understand the positives and negatives of using technology. They will learn to recognise safe and risky choices online and understand the steps to take to keep themselves safe, including the dangers of meeting someone from the internet in real life.

Music

In music, children will explore pentatonic melodies and composition linked to Chinese New Year. Pupils will match their movements to the music and explain their choices, accurately notate and play a pentatonic melody, play their part confidently in a composition, and work collaboratively to perform a piece of music.

Computing

In Computing this half term, children will focus on Connecting Computers. They will learn to identify that digital devices have inputs, processes, and outputs and explore how different devices can be connected to create networks. This will help children understand how technology works in everyday life and how information can be shared safely and effectively between devices.



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French

In French, children will learn words for classroom objects, practising saying, recognising, and using the vocabulary in simple sentences, building their confidence in speaking and understanding the language.

This half term promises plenty of excitement, discovery and progress for Class 3. We look forward to seeing children grow in confidence, deepen their learning, and approach each day with enthusiasm, resilience, high aspirations and kindness. **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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