



Class 4's Spring 2 Newsletter

We are the Brave Black Rhinos!

A very warm welcome to this half term'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. pondering
2. self-motivation
3. wallowing
4. dwindling

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: 99.3%

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

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.

Class Trip to Weston Park

We are so excited to visit Weston Park Museum in Sheffield to immerse ourselves into all things Anglo-Saxons. We will learn all about the Anglo-Saxons, where they originated from and the clues and artefacts left behind. We will share our exciting trip on Class Dojo throughout the day.

World Book Day!

Wear your best superhero costumes for our World Book Day on Wednesday 4th March 2026. Followed by the Book Fair in school.

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 4 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.



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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. In Class 4 our homework has changed as we now use SUMDOG for our Maths and Spelling homework. We also continue to use Class Dojo for our 2 minutes of reading and TTRS for our timestables practise.

Classroom Supplies Needed

Thank you for all our donations over previous terms, we are very grateful.

This half-term, we will be making a Shadow Puppet theatre! Any donations of old cloth (for our curtains) or card (for our puppets) would be very much appreciated.

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 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 book: The Great Chocoplot! This is a new and exciting book for our curriculum, where we read the mystery of the chocolate disappearing forever.

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 Great Chocoplot - to inspire a narrative which builds tension through out figurative language and short sentences, as our main character attempts to uncover the mystery behind chocolate disappearing. After this unit, we will be writing a podcast script, where we interview our main character for how she uncovered the secret of the Chocoplot.

Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will cover foundational concepts, including: Perimeter and length and Fractions. We will be learning how to calculate perimeter of rectangles and polygons. In our fractions topic, we will look at mixed number and improper fractions and learning how to convert between the two using our knowledge of our times tables to help us.

Science:

In science, we will focus on: light. This unit will teach us all about how light travels in straight lines and how we need light to see.

Physical Education:

We will begin building our knowledge and expertise in gymnastics using the apparatus to build our knowledge of balance and movement.



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PHSE/RSE:

We will be learning all about computer safety and how to keep ourselves safe when using technology.

DT:

In DT this half term, we will be working in teams to build our very own shadow puppet theatre stage, along with all our puppet casts before rehearsing and performing to Class R.

Music:

We will explore haikus and performing!

History:

We will explore the question of, 'What is the legacy left by the Anglo-Saxons?' and develop understanding of what the Anglo-Saxons were like, how they brought Christianity and how it changed people's lives in Britain and where the Anglo-Saxons came from.

French:

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

RE:

In RE, we learn all about Christianity and explore the key question of, 'What do Christians learn from the creation story?' We take time to reflect on the teachings of the Creation Story and explore the Fall of the relationship between humans and God.

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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