



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. Easter
2. Royal Family
3. Password
4. Lifestyle

Class R's Spring 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Brilliant Blue Whales.'

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 R's attendance: 98.4%

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

Height and Weight measurements

- Date: Tuesday 10th March 2026
- Time: 9:30am
- Details: Students will go to the school library in small groups with a staff member from Class R

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 R 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.

Trip to the Animal Park at Gulliver's Kingdom at Rother Valley - A SEPARATE LETTER HAS BEEN SENT WITH MORE DETAILS

- Date: Thursday 19th March 2026
- Time: Coach leaves at 9:30am and we return for the normal end of school time (traffic permitting!)
- Details: Students will explore various animals and participate in a hands-on workshop. Please remember to pack a lunch.



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Important Information

HOMELEARNING

To get into good habits that are in line with the rest of our school, homework is assigned every Friday and is due the following Thursday. In Class R this increases termly in readiness for Year 1. This term consists of:

- daily reading (upload 2 minutes of reading to Dojo once per week)
- handwriting
- optional extra-curricular activities relating to the learning theme 'Growing and Changing' and 'The Royal Family'
- maths -select one per week from the activity board and share on DOJO.

We kindly request donations of **£5.00** towards DT and art projects. **THANK YOU.**

WE NEED SOCKS THAT ARE NO LONGER NEEDED AS WE WILL BE MAKING SOCK PUPPETS. 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 R will embark on an exciting journey of discovery across all 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 enjoy stories, rhymes and songs relating to Growing and Changing.

Dear Zoo

Giraffes can't dance

Jack and the bean stalk

Jasper's beanstalk

Oliver's vegetables

Oliver's fruit salad

Titch

The seed

Our focus will be on developing vocabulary; comprehension skills; discussions about stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems.

Writing:

We will continue to use phonics knowledge to write dictated sentences and spell some common exception words.

Our focus will be on learning spellings *I the of my he*

Mathematics

Our mathematics curriculum will cover composition of numbers 6,7 and 8; making pairs; combining two groups; counting forwards from a given number; counting on; length; height and time.

Science

In science, we will focus on growth-to know what plants need to grow and survive; to learn about changes in humans. Wonderful (Welly) Wednesday learning focus is to observe seasonal changes in the school garden and the weather.



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Physical Education

Our GET SET 4 PE-Games unit 1 focuses on foundational invasion game skills, introducing the children to attacking, defending and basic possession concepts. Our GetSet4PE Gymnastics unit 2 will develop movement patterns; body tension and include apparatus work.

PHSE/RSE

We will learn about healthy eating and the importance of a varied diet.

RE

We will learn about Easter and how important it is for Christians. We will also learn about Holi and how it is celebrated.

Art

We will continue to develop our observational drawing skills with a still life drawing of a daffodil. We will create a mothers' day card and gift that involves learning running stitch.

D.T.

We will create sock puppets-design (draw ideas); add features and say what is liked/disliked about the puppet. We will focus upon how to improve a piece of work (puppet). Food technology will be making fruit kebabs learning to chop safely.

Music

We listen to classical music and talk about the dynamics, musical story, melody and character.

ICT-online safety

We will talk about games we should play; games that are not for us-age limits. We will learn/reinforce the importance of asking permission to use games on a device.

History

We will learn how we change over time (link to story Once there were giants) and learn what a time line is. We will talk about personal changes from a baby until present day and hopefully enjoy some visitors of different ages.

We will learn who the King is and his immediate family members of the Royal Family.

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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