



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. Disgusted
2. Concealed
3. Parched
4. Seldom
5. Contribute

Class 2's Summer 1 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: 97.1% School attendance: 97.3%



"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

Events

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

- 4th May – Bank holiday (Inset day)
- 15th May – Bubble walk to school / British Tea Party
- Science week – Week commencing Monday 18th May 2026
- 18th May – Church celebration – 9.40 (By invitation only)
- 20th May – Class photos
- 20th May – Poetry for parents (2.45). Children to perform this terms poem.
- 21st May – Last day of term.
- 22nd May – Inset day.

PE

From next week, Class 2s PE days will be **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

On our PE days, please could parents ensure pupils are wearing appropriate PE uniform, this consists of:

- The new PE Team T-Shirt in Navy Blue
- Plain navy or dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings;
- Plain, dark shorts
- Appropriate trainers for sport

We kindly ask for all jewellery to be removed before school and long hair is tied up.



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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 addition 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.

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 are now beginning to use more expression as they read and also how their written comprehension answers are becoming more detailed. Children will read more short stories or non-fiction texts each week. The vocabulary they are immersed in each week is becoming more adventurous and children are being challenged to answer more of the written comprehension tasks independently. Echo and choral reading are still important elements of the teaching sequence. Children are encouraged to read and reread sections of text to build fluency.

Writing:

In writing we will start by writing poetry based on 'The Sound Collector' with a link to Kenya. Our next unit is the beautiful story of 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' where we will write using the past progressive and adverbs for detail. Finally, we will have fun with 'Meerkat Mail' where we will write a postcard using, adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions.

Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will begin with the last of our fractions unit. We will then move on to Time. During this unit we will focus on telling the time on analogue clocks. Children will be taught o'clock, half past, quarter to, quarter past and also to tell the time to five minute intervals. Time is an area in maths that children often find challenging so any opportunities you can give your child to read a clock would be beneficial and support their learning. There are also many online games to support telling the time. One we will be using in class can be accessed by scanning the QR code below. We also have a small unit looking at statistics before the half-term holidays. Times tables will be our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables.



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Science:

This half term we will be looking at habitats, including microhabitats, and also thinking about how different animals are suited to the environments in which they live.

RE:

This half terms focus is Hinduism and the meaning of the Aum.

Geography:

This half term we will be learning about the Kenyan landscape. We will be looking at the Kenyan countryside and comparing it to the area in which we live.

Physical Education:

This half term we will look at net and wall games and investigating movement linked to the rainforest in dance.

PHSE/RSE:

Our unit this half term is looking at money.

Design Technology

This half term our unit looks at mechanisms. We will design and make a toy car using an axle.

Music:

This half term we are looking at rhythm and structure in music through our myths and legends unit.

Computing:

This half term we will be learning how to compose music using technology.

This half term promises to be an exciting one. We look forward to teaching the students in Class 2 some of our favourite topics.

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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