



Class 4's Summer 1 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. distribute
2. peculiar
3. radiant
4. detested

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: 97.6%

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

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 Sheffield's Mosque and Cathedral

We are so excited to be able to visit the Cathedral and Mosque in Sheffield on Tuesday 19th May 2026. We will have a guided tour around both the Cathedral and Mosque and be able to further deepen our learning around Christianity and Islam.

- 4th May – Bank holiday (Inset day)
- 15th May – Bubble walk to school / British Tea Party
- 18th May – Church celebration – 9:00 (By invitation only)
- 20th May – Class photos
- 21st May – Last day of term.
- 22nd May – Inset day.



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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.

PE Kit

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.

Classroom Supplies Needed

Thank you for all our donations over previous terms, we are very grateful. We do not require any donations for this half-term.

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 Charlotte's Web! The children will love this engaging text, which has plenty of mirror moments as we live in the beautiful countryside! We will be continuing to develop our accuracy with comprehension.

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 – Charlotte's Web - to inspire our writing of a formal letter of complaint, using the stimulus of the story in the text to base our letter from. We will then move to a poetry unit, where we will take inspiration from MacBeth 'The Witches Spell' to write our own rhyming couplet poem.

Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum we will be learning new concepts of decimals, looking into tenths, hundredths and dividing by 10 and 100, before learning how to use column addition to add and subtract decimals. We will then consolidate our previous learning on money and time, before using decimals in money and learning the 24 hour clock.

Science:



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In science, our focus will be on the digestive system. We will learn about the role of our organs and body during the digestion process and in particular pay attention to our teeth!

Physical Education:

We will begin building our knowledge and expertise in tennis and applying our hand-eye coordination to playing mini tennis matches!

PHSE/RSE:

We will be learning all about the working world and how to live in a world without judgement.

Art:

During art this half term, we will be getting very messy as we take inspiration from Barbara Hepworth, a local artist, and designing our own sculpture out of Modroc!

Music:

We will explore the instruments involved in bringing Samba music to life!

History:

We will learn all about the Ancient Greeks and how they have influenced our lives today. We will learn about the Olympics, looking at the artefacts and what it tells us about this period in history and working out if they invented the alarm clock.

French:

In French we will learn all about delicious French food.

RE:

In RE, we learn all about Hinduism exploring how they choose to live their lives and what influences this.

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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