



## Class 5's Summer 1 Newsletter

We are the 'Terrific Tigers'

A very warm welcome to this week'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. coax
2. brimming
3. dispatch
4. charred
5. capered

### 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 5'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

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.

- 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Bank holiday (Inset day)
- 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Bubble walk to school / British Tea Party
- 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Church celebration – 9:00 (By invitation only)
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Class photos
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Poetry for parents (2.45). Children to perform this terms poem.
- 21<sup>st</sup> May 2026 – Last day of term.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 – Inset day.

#### Important Information

##### Homework Policy

Homework is assigned every half term. The children should complete each task (reading, TT Rockstars, a choice of topic and spellings) weekly and send it in on dojo or bring it to school to share with the class. Please encourage your child to manage their time effectively and complete as many tasks as possible each week.

##### 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



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

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](mailto: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 5 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 be reading the book *Street Child* by B. Doherty

### Writing:

In writing we will be exploring extended narrative, writing in 3<sup>rd</sup> person with a clear build up using tension and excitement through careful choice of verbs, and sentences. We will also be looking at biographies and explore historical characters.

### Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will cover foundational concepts, including: Statistics, shape, position, direction and decimals

### Science:

In science, we will focus on: Life Explorers, learning about growth, change and the human timeline.

### Physical Education:

In PE children will be learning skills to improve their tennis skills and learning the Samba.

### PHSE/RSE:

This half term, children will be looking at Enterprise and the topic of Inclusion

### Art / DT:

In DT, children will be using clay to create dragon eyes to link to our history topic.

### Music:

Children will be learning about looping and remixing. They will create a whole piece of music, ensuring that the different aspects of music work together.

### Geography / History:

This half term, Y5 will be learning about the Shang Dynasty and how Shang Di influenced the lives of people in Ancient China.

### French:

Children will be learning verbs in French.

This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class 5. 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/>**



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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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