



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. Emotions
2. Parable
3. Turntable (train related)
4. 2D and 3D

Class R's Summer 1 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: 97.5%

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 24th April**-our class **Friday feast**. As you now know, each class take a turn to sell cakes/treats after school on a Friday. Please note we are a nut free school. The donations can be home-made or bought and are brought to the classroom on the morning (24th April). All personal containers/tins/bags are returned if you put your child's name on it.
- **Wednesday 22nd April at 2.30pm and Monday 18th May at 2.30pm-Family Fun sessions**. Enter via the black gate and make your way to the classroom to join in with activities and play with your child. Siblings are very welcome.
- **Thursday 21st May-minibeast ball**-we dress up and celebrate living creatures. Costumes can be as simple as wearing yellow and black for a bumble bee; green for a grasshopper. The children make the party food.

We make learning fun and memorable by baking, using manipulatives (such as playdough). As you can appreciate, all these resources incur a cost so we are hugely grateful for any donations made **half-termly**. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **£5.00** per half term that can be put into the purple piggy bank on the window sill by the classroom door. **THANKYOU VERY MUCH!**

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.

Homework Policy

Homework is assigned every Friday. Please encourage your child to engage as much as possible as it will help enormously with the expectations for the rest of their school life. * We ask that families upload to Class Dojo a 2-minute recording (video/audio) of their child reading once per week *



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This term home learning matches year 1 for a good transition; reading, maths, spelling and an optional extra curriculum activity. ****Please hand in wow moments or home learning photographs to any member of the EYFS team. Thank you. We really value your contribution to your child's learning.**

Classroom Supplies Needed

We kindly request donations of clean reclaimed materials that will become musical instruments as our upcoming DT project. 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 be and 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 about 'All creatures great and small'. We will provide educational experiences that foster 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 continue to learn common exception words and apply phonics knowledge. Story times will enhance our learning theme. Texts include Billy and the Beast, Billy's Beetle, What the ladybird heard, Rumble in the jungle, The tiger who came to tea, Commotion in the ocean, Mad about minibeasts, The very hungry caterpillar, Bad tempered ladybird, Lazy ladybird.

Writing:

We will use of phonics knowledge to write dictated sentences and learn to spell some common exception words. Our focus will be on correct spelling of common exception words from RWINc red bookmark (I, he, to, my, and punctuation- starting a sentence with a capital letter, finger spaces and ending a sentence with a full stop.

Mathematics

We will learn what a Rekenrek is and how to use one correctly. We will explore and compare length and height; talk about time, order and sequence time and learn automatic recall of number bonds to 5.

Science

In science, we will focus on what living things need to grow; learn what a healthy meal for a child is and the life cycle of a butterfly. We will continue to study the changing seasons and weather patterns by using our daily calendar.

Physical Education

We will learn GET READY4 PE- Ball skills; IMOVES-Construction; ATHLETICS -running in a straight line (in readiness for Sports Day!)

PHSE/RSE

Know how to show respect; how to treat others; being a good friend.

Art

Sculpture using natural and loose parts; create a piece of natural artwork inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy.

D.T.

Baking – ladybird doubles biscuits and butterfly buns. To weigh ingredients. Make split pin animals.

Music

Musical journeys- Steady beat as tempo changes.



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Geography

Looking after the environment; pollution, litter, recycling. To know ways to help look after our environment. To learn about different habitats in the school grounds.

R.E.

Story time: Noah's Ark; Daniel and the lions; Jonah and the whale; The lost sheep; The good Samaritan. To talk about stories from the Bible (parables) and their messages.

Online safety/Keeping myself safe.

We will talk about who we should talk to if unsure about something on an iPad or a computer; to talk to a trusted adult.

This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class R. We look forward to another 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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