



**THURGOLAND**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Class 2's Summer 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Spectacular Sea Otters'

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. Barely
2. Frantically
3. Relief
4. Hoisted
5. Darting

### 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: 97.6%      School attendance: 98.4%



*"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

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Victorian day in class – see details below**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Sports Day**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Seaside trip to Cleethorpes**

#### Victorian Day

Throughout the day, children will take part in a range of activities to bring their learning to life. In the morning, we will aim for a Victorian style classroom followed by fun activities in the afternoon. We would like to offer children the opportunity to come dressed as a Victorian (either rich or poor) but this is not compulsory. To keep with the theme of the day we ask that your child brings a packed lunch wrapped in paper/in a paper bag to keep with the feel of the day. Something such as a block of cheese/simple sandwich, fruit, shortbread. There is lots of inspiration online. We hope it will be a fun day for your children as we near the end of the year. Please let Mrs Taylor know if you have any questions or concerns.

#### Spelling

This half term we will be sending home a spelling list each Friday. This list will contain words that link to the spelling rule we will be learning about the following week. The words on the list are words that the pupils will be practising on a daily basis in spelling lessons. The list will also be uploaded to dojo.



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## 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.

## 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](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 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. Children will read a short story or non-fiction texts each week. We are so proud of the 'give it a go' attitude that children are displaying as we move towards our final term and we are expecting more independence when answering written comprehension questions. The vocabulary they are immersed in each week is becoming more adventurous still and children are expected to use the vocabulary taught when possible. Echo and choral reading remain 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 character descriptions of Mr and Mrs Twit from Roald Dahls 'The Twits'. We then move onto non-fiction writing about Florence Nightingale which links to our history learning this half term. Finally, we look at Michael Morpurgo's book Dolphin Boy and develop our story writing skills finishing the year off by writing our own book!

### Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will begin with length and height before moving onto other measure units. This half term we cover mass, volume, temperature and position and direction. At the end of the half term we complete some consolidation work looking at the calculation methods that we have taught for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division this year. 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 living things and their habitats. The children will draw on their knowledge from the previous unit to support their understanding of minibeasts.

#### RE:

This half terms focus is non-religious stories and how they can teach us about reasonableness, rationality, courage and open-heartedness.

#### History:

Our final history unit will be 'Victorian Woman' with the key question of Who were the most significant women in Victorian times? We will study *Victorian life and compare with our lifestyle today*. Children will use sources, artefacts and information to develop an understanding of Queen Victoria, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole to understand the impact made by the women, and to be able to explain their significance to the Victorian period and how it impacts our lives today.

#### Physical Education:

This half term we will look at striking and fielding skills as well as practicing for sports day!

#### PHSE/RSE:

Our unit this half term is hazard watch focusing on fire safety.

#### Art

This half term our unit looks at the work of Victorian artist William Morris. We will recreate his work through pencil drawings before creating our own designs to print.

#### Music:

This half term we are looking at pitch using musical instruments.

#### Computing:

This half term we will be learning about information technology all around us and how it can help us do different jobs.

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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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Important Water Safety Notice

With several schools in our area located near bodies of water, we're reaching out to partner with you in protecting children's safety. Whether during winter when ice forms or in warmer months when swimming seems inviting, bodies of open water can pose serious risks to young people.

We kindly ask all parents/carers to have a crucial conversation with their children about water safety. Please discuss the following safety information with your family to help prevent accidents and ensure everyone stays safe around water throughout the year.

- Attempting to walk on frozen lakes, canals and reservoirs is dangerous and can be fatal.
- Whilst it may be tempting to walk on frozen water, the ice could be unstable and can easily break.
- The temperature of the water is so cold that it can take your breath away which can lead to panic and result in drowning.
- Even during the summer months, water is still cold beneath the surface so entering the water can result in cold water shock.
- The RNLI's "Float to Live" advice is to **resist the instinct to swim hard to safety if you find yourself unexpectedly in the water. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs, and float.** Tilt your head back with ears submerged, relax, and control your breathing. Use your hands to help you stay afloat and call for help or swim to safety if possible.

Please also see below link to our water safety video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4oMsu1z17o>

Yours faithfully  
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# Local Offer Live 2026




- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June
- 10am - 6pm
- Barnsley Metrodome



### Meet SEND Services

Meet a range of stall holders from across Education, Health, Leisure and Social Care.



### Find the right support

Find services to support you. From the Early Years to Post-16 - with or without a diagnosis.



### Have your voice heard

Find out about Participation Opportunities Help shape SEND services in Barnsley



**Even more opportunities to explore Post 16 options.**



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**Have your say on childcare in Barnsley**

Enter your email for a chance to win one of ten £50 Barnsley Gift Cards.

Scan the QR code to take the survey.

Share your experiences and help shape the future of childcare across the borough. The survey closes on Friday 19 June 2026.

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