



### 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. Ponderous
2. Unfurled
3. Brink
4. Jagged

## Class 3's Summer 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Tremendous Turtles.'

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 3's attendance: 96.5%

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

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

##### Oracy Perform

**Date:** Friday 19th June performance to Dads and Grandads at 9am

**Details:** Dads and Grandads are warmly welcomed to Class 3 to hear our poetry performance. We will do two performances, in case you are watching a performance in another classroom that day too.

##### Year 3 Friday Feast

**Date:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

**Details:** It would be wonderful if parents could send/ bring in baked goods to sell after school for our funds.

##### Sports Day.

**Date:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Details:** Year 3 and 4 Sports day will last for 1 hour and will begin at 9.15am. Parents and carers can wait in the school grounds after they have dropped off their children ready to watch their child. Can children be dressed in their sports gear.

##### Transition Day

**Date:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

**Details:** Can all year 3 children wait outside of class 4 on arrival and they will spend all day in their new class. At the end of the day can you please collect your child from class 4



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## **Walk around the Village- looking at the environment for a Geography lesson.**

**Date:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

### **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 3 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 times tables practise.

We thank you for your continued support and engagement with weekly homework.

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 3 will embark on an exciting journey of discovery across a range of subjects. Our goal is to provide a well-rounded educational experience that encourages children to love learning, give things a go, be resilient, show respect and aim high. Below is an overview of the topics we will explore.

### Reading

In the first half of the term, we will be reading *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. This story follows an Iron Giant who topples from a cliff and, although he starts off as a villain, eventually saves the world. In the second half of the term, we will continue reading *Varjak Paw*, a riveting story of family loyalty and courage, as we complete the novel.

Our focus will be on developing our inference skills, justifying our ideas about characters' feelings and thoughts using evidence from the text. This requires our resilient learners to read between the lines and understand things that are not directly stated.

### Writing

In writing, we will create a descriptive narrative using similes and powerful verbs to enhance our descriptions. We will focus on verbs and adverbs, similes, expanded noun phrases, first and third person, prepositions and conjunctions.

We will also be writing a newspaper article, learning to use key newspaper features, including a reporting style and the past tense.

### Mathematics

Our mathematics curriculum will cover fractions, money, time and shape. We will learn how to add and subtract fractions. In our money unit, we will convert between pounds and pence and add and subtract amounts of money. In time, we will learn about Roman numerals, tell the time to the nearest five minutes, and explore hours, minutes and seconds. We will also investigate the properties of different shapes.

### Science

In science, we will learn about living things and their habitats. This will include recognising that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, exploring and using classification keys, and identifying and naming a variety of living things in both our local and wider environments.

### Physical Education

We will begin building our knowledge and skills in tennis and athletics as we prepare for Sports Day.



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#### PSHE/RSE

We will be learning about looking after our world and considering the ways in which we can help protect our planet.

#### Art/DT

We will be making wooden photo frames, using dowelling techniques and a range of tools safely and effectively.

#### Music

We will be learning about Bollywood music, exploring the rhythms and songs that make this genre unique.

#### Geography

We are going to learn why and how the environment in Thurgoland is changing.

#### French

We will be developing our knowledge of cognates and near cognates, learning about gender in French, and studying the life cycles of animals.

#### RE

We will be studying Sikhism, exploring who Guru Nanak was and why he is so important to Sikh people.

This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all pupils in Class 3. We look forward to another joyful 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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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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