



Class 4's Summer 2 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. Menacing
2. Bombarded
3. Consistency
4. Duplicate

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: 100%

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

Friday Morning Music Enrichment!

Every Friday morning, for this half term, we are very excited to continue 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.

Sports Day

We are busy preparing for our annual sports day and we cannot wait! We would love for all our parents to be there to support us on the day and cheer us on! Sports day is on Monday 22nd June 2026 – please see the newsletter for timings of the day.

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;



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- 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 *Why the Whales Came*. It is a lovely book, which also provides some thought-provoking messages about how we should treat people. It has plenty of mirror moments, where we can relate to the characters and the setting of the beach. 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 Greek Myth's as our first writing stimulus and learning how to use a range of sentence structures to make our own Greek myth. We will use Theseus and the Minotaur as our inspiration. We will then move onto a diary entry and use our class text – *Why the Whales Came* – to begin to portray a character, before our final unit of the year which we will create biographies all about ourselves!

Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum we will be continuing to embed our money unit and applying our knowledge of decimals, followed by introducing the concept of the 24 hour clock. We will then be learning and revisiting our understanding of shape and statistics.

Science:

In science, our focus will be on climate change and habitats and how these both can be affected by each other. This has a super cross-curricular link with our Geography for this half term too.

Physical Education:

We will begin building our knowledge and expertise in cricket and rounders and also preparing for sports day!

PHSE/RSE:

We will be learning all about how to keep ourselves and others safe by learning first aid!

DT

During DT this half term, we will be exploring nets and packaging before making our own healthy snack packaging.



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Music:

We will be exploring how to adapt and transpose motifs.

Geography:

We will learn all about sustainable living and how we can make an impact on our environment by the choices we make. We will also explore our surrounding environment in school to ensure we are promoting a sustainable way of life

French:

In French we will learn all about music and the Eurovision song contest!

RE:

In RE, we learn all about Sikhism exploring their way of life in Britain.

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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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 8th 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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