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Information booklet for Class 6

The Self-Reliant Snow Leopards

This booklet aims to introduce our class and provide some initial information which we hope you will find useful.

Should you have any further questions, staff will be happy to discuss these with you. Please speak to staff on the classroom doors at drop-off or collection times, or contact them via the school office email address. Please note that we aim to respond to emails within 48 hours. If your enquiry is urgent, please contact the school office directly by telephone.

We hope you find this booklet helpful. For further information, please refer to the school website.

Contact Information

Telephone: 0114 288 3300

E-mail: office@thurgolandprimary.org

Website: www.thurgolandprimary.org

Class Dojo

We use the Class Dojo platform to share the many WOW moments from your child's learning and daily experiences in school. Information on how to sign up can be found in the Class Dojo section of this booklet.

Newsletters

Newsletters are emailed weekly on Fridays. On the first Friday of each half term, families receive a class newsletter containing key information about upcoming learning and events within your child's class. The remaining newsletters are whole-school newsletters, written by Mr Jordan, celebrating school life and sharing important updates.

Newsletters are also available on the school website and can be printed if required.





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Our Christian Vision

LOVING GOD, BLESS THURGOLAND SCHOOL



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.

The Church of England states that, when it comes to education,

"THE VISION IS OF GOD-GIVEN FULLNESS OF LIFE IN WHICH EACH PERSON IS BOTH BLESSED AND A BLESSING"

(Church of England Vision for Education p.12)

AND MAY IT BE A PLACE OF FAITH AND JOY

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.



Our vision is rooted in the Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13 31-32): **A mustard seed...**

"THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE A MUSTARD SEED, WHICH A MAN TOOK AND PLANTED IN HIS FIELD. THOUGH IT IS THE SMALLEST OF ALL SEEDS, YET WHEN IT GROWS, IT IS THE LARGEST OF GARDEN PLANTS AND BECOMES A TREE, SO THAT THE BIRDS COME AND PERCH IN ITS BRANCHES."

We are a small school in a valley – but we believe like the mustard seed that high standards of education can have far-reaching impact and that our children will grow into those who bless others through their careers, caring and vocations. One tiny seed just like one small child carries a world of potential.

Thurgoland CE Primary School is surrounded by beautiful countryside where farming and growing is part of daily life. The parable of the mustard seed provides a link with the historic roots of the school.

With our caring and nurturing ethos firmly embedded in all that we do, every member who joins our school whether child or adult, like the small mustard seed, is welcomed into a learning environment so that they grow and flourish in its broadest sense – academically, socially, morally, physically and spiritually.



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LOVE TO LEARN



GIVE IT A GO



BE RESILIENT



AIM HIGH



SHOW RESPECT

BY WORKING AND PLAYING TOGETHER WE CAN LOVE, LEARN AND RESPECT



TOGETHERNESS

Through working and playing together in peace and harmony, Team Thurgoland embody the concept born from the African philosophy of "ubuntu" – a concept in which your sense of self is shaped by your relationships with other people – underpins how we work together in peace and harmony to become our best self. It's a way of living that begins with the premise that "I am" only because "we are."

Our children, our staff, our families and our community – together we are Team Thurgoland.

"IT HAS BEEN SAID BEAUTIFULLY AND PROFOUNDLY, THAT OUR GOD IN HIS MOST INNER MYSTERY IS NOT SOLITUDE, BUT A FAMILY."

(John Paul II)

**"I AM BECAUSE
WE ARE."**

WE KNOW YOU ARE WITH US. HELP US BECOME OUR BEST SELF

At Thurgoland CE Primary School, everyone is inspired to reach their full potential and become their best self, to make the world a better place.

"BELOVED, WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN NOW: WHAT WE WILL BE HAS NOT YET BEEN REVEALED" (1 JOHN 3:2A)

We are committed to promoting a growth mindset. In line with Christian teaching, at Thurgoland CE Primary School, there is a big emphasis on everyone striving to move from their former self to a self that has to be found: growth and renewal.

**TO MAKE
THE WORLD A
BETTER PLACE.**



BEST SELF

AMEN



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Welcome to Class Six

The Class 6 Team is made up of Mr Ranton, Mrs Davies, Mrs Chapman and Mrs T Stacey.

The classroom is located opposite the hall.

Welcome to Year 6, the top of the school! We value our roles and responsibilities in school, being role models for the younger years. The final year of primary school is a period of great opportunity for us to lead on initiatives and whole school enrichments including celebrations, like Black History month and charity events such as Children in Need. Playground Buddies, developing an enterprise project and Sports Leaders are just a few examples of other projects we take part in.

We love to learn in Class 6 and aiming high is so important to us especially as we bring all our learning together at the end of our primary school journey. Although learning sometimes can get tricky, we always give it a go and push through challenges to achieve our potential.

We grow in independence, showing respect and maturity as we prepare for transition to secondary school both in our learning and when participating in exciting events such as the Year 6 Kingswood residential and the Leavers' Show. These range of activities give us the chance to excel, aim high, encourage and challenge us to be resilient, focussing on our own progress rather than to compare ourselves to others.

Our curriculum has a strong focus on the core areas of maths, reading and writing, to ensure we are suitably prepared for SATS, which take place in May, and secondary school. As we know, reading is the key to all learning, we value this skill so much it is an essential part of our everyday routine. Therefore, we have reading time everyday including reading a class text, which we can engross ourselves in, as well as reading independently and one to one with an adult. We have a recommended reading list of 100 books per year group that include high level texts that are age appropriate. It's our aim to read them all by the end of the year.

We also enjoy studying science, art, DT, RE, PSHE, history and geography. Topics studied in Year 6 include World War Two, which involves children designing, creating and evaluating their own tanks and gives the children the opportunity to experience what life was like as an evacuee. Other favourite topics are Vikings, fair trade and the Benin Empire. Our RE curriculum follows the Discovery RE and Understanding Christianity scheme and is taught





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through discovery of key questions. In Year 6, we answer questions including: Creation and science: conflict or complementary? Was Jesus the Messiah? What is the best way for Muslims to show their commitment to God? Pupils are encouraged to appreciate and respect the world around them, understand the needs and beliefs of others and develop an awareness of and concern for others, through visits to places of worship (Sheffield Cathedral and Mosque), stories and discussion.

A programme of trips and regular visitors helps provide an education that is both balanced and enjoyable. One of the enrichment opportunities for us is the visit to Crucial Crew - we believe that this visit will, delivered as part of a wider PSHE curriculum, equip us with the right attitudes and attributes to not only become lifelong learners but also responsible citizens within the local and wider community. Sport is extremely important to us and we manage to fit in lots of P.E. with our sports enthusiasts, enjoying hockey, tag athletics, tennis and dodge ball. We also make use of the wonderful outdoor spaces around school whenever we can.

An important part of our school year is the residential trip to Kingswood, the children experience exciting and challenging physical activities such as Jacobs's ladder, canoeing and archery. It provides an opportunity for the students to get to know their teaching team in an informal environment whilst developing greater independence. For many of us – and teachers – it is the highlight of the year!

The summer term is dominated by preparations for the Leavers' Show: making props, painting scenery, raising funds and designing costumes, selling tickets, and learning lines. Past productions have included shows based on 'Aladdin', 'Peter Pan' and 'Alice in Wonderland'. As for this year's show..... we're not going to tell you yet!





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Daily Routine

Our morning session begins at 08:45. Children should be brought to the classroom side door from 08:40 onwards. Please note that the school site will remain locked until 08:40; therefore, we kindly ask families not to arrive too early to help avoid congestion on the narrow lane at the side of school.

Children arriving after 08:50 should enter school via the main entrance, as the pupil entrance doors will be locked at this time. Any child arriving after the register has been taken will be marked as late in the class register.

At the end of the school day, children will be collected from their classroom side doors at 15:15. The school site will open from 15:10. If you are running late, please telephone the school office to inform us. Likewise, if a different adult will be collecting your child, please ensure the school is informed in advance.





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Example Timetable

To note this does not reflect an actual timetable, it is to give a flavour of the day in school

Time	KS1	KS2
8:40	Children arrive and are WONDERFULLY welcomed by the Headteacher at the gate and by class staff at the classroom doors, helping every child begin the day feeling safe, happy and ready to learn.	Children arrive and are WONDERFULLY welcomed by the Headteacher at the gate and by class staff at the classroom doors, helping every child begin the day feeling safe, happy and ready to learn.
8:45 – 9:00	Children begin the day with registration, daily prayer and early bird learning activities. On Fridays, this time is also used to discuss our weekly 'Sticky Question', encouraging children to reflect, think deeply and share their ideas with others.	Children begin the day with registration, daily prayer and early bird learning activities. On Fridays, this time is also used to discuss our weekly 'Sticky Question', encouraging children to reflect, think deeply and share their ideas with others.
9:00 – 9:30	Phonics	Whole Class Reading
9:30 – 9:45	Handwriting	Handwriting/Spellings
9:45 – 10:30	Writing	Writing
10:30- 10:45	Collective Worship	Playtime
10:45 -11:00	Playtime	Collective Worship
11:00-12:00	Maths/TT sticks	Maths / TT sticks
12:00 – 12:50	Lunchtime followed by Wellbeing Check-in	Lunchtime followed by Wellbeing Check-in
12:50-13:20 (KS1) 12:50-13:05 (KS2)	Mastering Number / Talk through stories	Mastering Number
13:20-14:10 (KS1) 13:05-14:05(KS2)	Wider Curriculum	Wider Curriculum
14:10-14:20 (KS1) 14:05-14:15 (KS2)	Flexible movement break	Flexible movement break
14:20-15:05 (KS1) 14:15-15:05 (KS2)	Wider Curriculum	Wider Curriculum
15:05-15:15	Poetry/story/reading	Poetry/story/reading
15:15	Children leave	Children leave





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Before and After School Club (TOOSC)

Situated in the youth centre, Thurgoland Out of School Club (OFSTED MET, 2024), provides affordable childcare. Run by qualified staff offering both breakfast and after school club as well as holiday club.

Breakfast club opening times are 7:30-8:45am costing £5.50 / After School sessions are 3:30-6pm costing £8.50 / Holiday sessions are either 5.5 hours @ £17.50 or 10.5 hours @ £27.50

Please call 07748 177686, or email tooscclub@gmail.com





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Attendance / Absence from School

"The best ability is availability!"

In line with our attendance policy, which can be found on our school website, here are parental responsibilities regarding attendance / absence:

"All parents/carers have a legal responsibility to ensure that their children receive an efficient full-time education suitable for their age, ability and aptitude by regular attendance at school." (Section 7, Education Act, 1996)

1. Ensure your child arrives punctually for morning registration which is at 08.45. Registers close at 08:50 and after this time your child will be marked as late.
2. All pupils that arrive late (after 08:50) must report, with their parent, to the school office where the reason for lateness is recorded.
3. Please note that arrival after 09.30 without reason will be marked as a 'U' – late after the register has closed.
4. Children should only be kept at home if they have a significant illness or injury. If this is the case, parents should contact the school at the beginning of the first day of absence by 09:30. Note that the school office is staffed from 08:00 Monday to Friday.

To report a child's absence, parents should contact the school office by phone: 01142 883300 or email: office@thurgolandprimary.org

5. If a child has a minor illness e.g. mild headache, mild stomach ache etc. parents should inform the school and bring them in. If a child deteriorates through the day, school will contact parents so that a pupil can be collected.
6. Arrange medical and dental appointments outside of school time wherever possible.
7. If a pupil has a dental, or hospital appointment, parents should inform school. Pupils should be brought back to school immediately after appointments.
8. Promote a good attitude to learning by ensuring their child attends school in the correct uniform, PE kit and book bags as necessary.
9. Work in partnership with the school and other agencies in the best interests of their child; this includes informing the school about significant influences and changes in the child's life which may impact on attendance and learning.





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0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Please avoid taking holidays in term time. In particular, please avoid taking children out of school during statutory assessment periods:

- Class R – Baseline assessments during the first 6 weeks of the academic year;
- Class 1 – Phonics screening week commencing Monday 14th June 2027;
- Class 2 – The key stage 1 tests will be administered during May 2027;
- Class 4 – Year 4 Multiplication Check week commencing Monday 7th June 2027;
- Class 6 – The statutory key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 10th May to Thursday 13th May 2027.

Children taken ill during the school day

If a child becomes unwell during the school day, we will contact parents/carers to make suitable arrangements for them to be collected from school. We appreciate that this can sometimes be inconvenient for families and therefore only request collection where we feel it is necessary for the child's wellbeing.





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Lost Property

Please could you ensure that **all** items of clothing are marked with your child's name. We endeavour to return items of lost property directly to the owner. Each class has a lost property box which is located in the classroom. We also have a whole school lost property rail in the foyer outside the main pupil entrance.

Contact Details

We would be most grateful if you could ensure that emergency contact details are kept up to date. If you have any change in phone numbers, please call at the office so the staff will update our records.

Accidents

If a child requires medical treatment during the school day, parents/carers will be contacted immediately.

If a child has a minor injury in school **and receives first aid treatment**, this will be recorded using our online system, Medical Tracker. Medical Tracker allows us to communicate first aid incidents and medication administration directly to parents/carers via email, whilst also helping school to monitor and analyse patterns of incidents.

If your child receives first aid treatment, you will receive an email notification from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk. Please add this email address to your contacts or approved sender list to prevent messages from being filtered into SPAM or JUNK folders.

Medical Tracker uses the primary contact email address held on our SIMS system. This is usually the same email address used for weekly newsletters and school communications. If your email address changes, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

Please be assured that Medical Tracker is registered with the Data Protection Registrar and that all information is stored securely and kept confidential.





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Administering Medication

It is important that school staff are aware of any relevant medical information relating to your child. This includes allergies (for example bee stings or food allergies), dietary requirements (such as vegetarian or Halal diets) and medical conditions which may impact your child during the school day, such as asthma or eczema.

If your child needs prescribed medication to be administered during the school day, parents/carers must complete an Administering Medication Form, available from the school office. In line with Department for Education guidance (*Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions*, 2015), medicines should, where clinically possible, be prescribed so that doses can be taken outside school hours. However, where this is not possible, school staff may administer medication approved by the Headteacher once the appropriate documentation has been completed.

School staff are able to administer most short-term prescribed medications, such as antibiotics. Parents/carers must complete the required medication form before any medication can be given.

Non-prescribed pain relief, such as Paracetamol or Ibuprofen, will only be administered at the discretion of the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances, for example following an operation or for a broken limb.

Staff are unable to administer:

- Eye drops
- Injections
- Timed medication requiring precise administration
- Specialist treatments where missed doses could result in serious consequences
- Medicated sweets, as school cannot safely monitor dosage intervals

Children requiring long-term medication, such as asthma inhalers, will be supported by staff once the appropriate forms have been completed. Support for other medical conditions may also be arranged following discussion with parents/carers. In some cases, school may seek advice or training from external health professionals, such as the school nursing team, to ensure medication can be administered safely and appropriately.





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Where required, an Individual Healthcare Plan will be developed in line with the school's *Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy*.

Parents/carers are also welcome to come into school to administer medication to their child if they would prefer to do so.

Individual healthcare plans

Some pupils may require their own individual healthcare plan. This will be written by the school alongside external agencies such as school nursing to support pupils with long term, complex medical conditions whilst at school.

PPA Time

All teachers have a statutory entitlement to 10% non-contact time to enable them to plan lessons and assess pupils' work. We are fortunate in that Mrs Davies covers PPA in Class Six. Planning for these lessons is done in consultation with the class teacher and is within the school's schemes of work. PPA works out, for a full-time teacher, at a half day per week.





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Oracy and Reading

Reading is at the heart of all we do at Thurgoland School because it opens the door to learning. Everything else depends on it, so we put as much energy as we possibly can into making sure that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible. A child who reads a lot will become a good reader. A good reader will be able to read more challenging material. A child who reads challenging material will learn. The more a child learns, the more they will want to find out. We want your child to love to listen to stories, love reading and want to read themselves. This is why we work hard throughout school from Class R to Class 6, to make sure our children develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read.

Reading in KS2

Whole class reading takes place every morning following a teaching sequence that prioritises vocabulary and oracy development in line with National Curriculum requirements for the year group expectations. The sessions have pupils reading aloud (Echo reading); teacher's modelling and explanations and questioning. The pupils build experience with increasingly complex texts; gain new language and develop fluency. Reading of high-quality class texts with high level vocabulary are modelled by the teacher and answering different types of comprehension questions are taught explicitly. The focus text for each unit of work also supports our writing curriculum.

There is informal book talk (Book Club style) that takes place in a weekly visit to the school library that provides time to read in a sociable environment and an opportunity to recommend books to pupils.

Every class has its own class library that has age-appropriate recommended reading books for their year. A child 'borrows' a text and enjoys reading it as well as a book banded one and a book from the school library should they wish to choose one.

All children are benchmarked each half term to ensure that they are reading texts that match their ability. Any child requiring extra support with their reading receives an intervention and reads more regularly with an adult during a week who helps them through key questioning and discussions about their book. More information about our exciting, progressive reading curriculum is available on our website:

<https://thurgolandprimary.org/curriculum-statement/reading/>





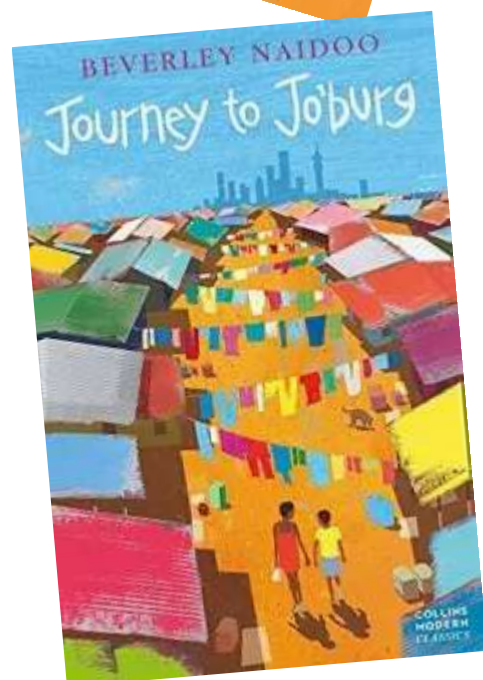
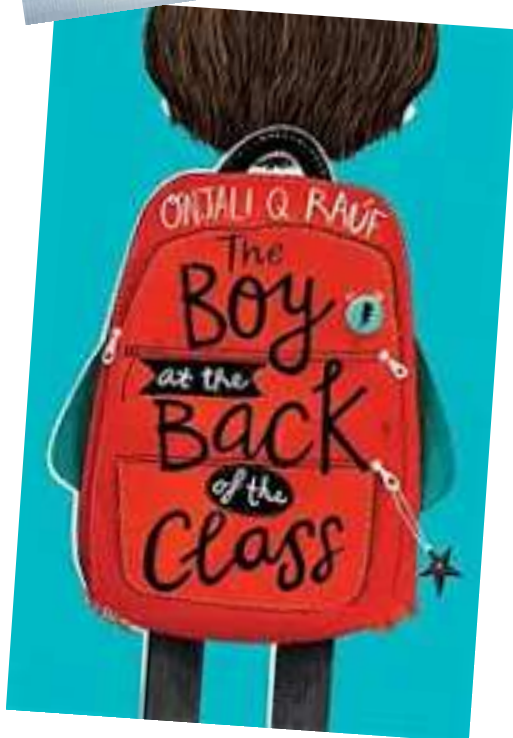
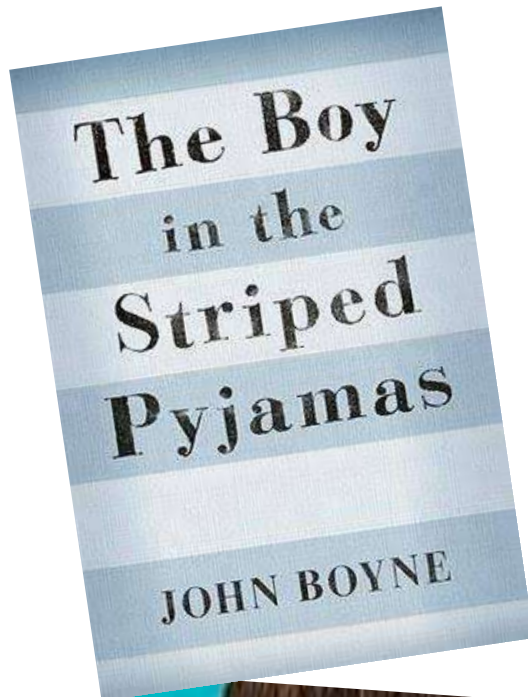
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The books your child will study and read from start to finish this year are:





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Spelling Classes 2–6

Throughout the year, children will be taught a weekly spelling rule in class. This may focus on prefixes, suffixes, spelling patterns, homophones or other key spelling conventions from the National Curriculum. Each week, your child will be given **five words** linked to the spelling rule to practise at home. These words will be tested weekly in school.

At the end of each half term, children will be assessed on the spellings taught during that period. Any spellings that are not yet secure will continue to be revisited and practised alongside future lists.

In addition to these words, children should practise the statutory words for their year group. A list of these will be sent out at the beginning of the academic year.

Children in Year 2 take part in regular spelling lessons which focus on exploring, understanding and applying spelling rules accurately within writing. Dictated sentences, discussion and handwriting practice are used to help embed spelling patterns and support children's transcription skills. There is also a strong emphasis on oracy, enabling children to explain spelling rules and apply them confidently within their independent work.

Spellings on Class Dojos

The spelling list of common exception words to learn each half term will be available on Class Dojo. All children are expected to complete spelling homework on a weekly basis; this will be set every Friday under the activity 'Creative Spelling Homework'. Each week children are required to choose some words from their half termly list to practise in a creative way and upload onto Class Dojo. We encourage children to not just practise the spelling of the common exception words but to apply their learning of the words for example; understanding the meanings and use within their writing

Times Tables

Learning multiplication facts is a vital part of any child's mathematical development. Once rapid recall of multiplication facts becomes possible, a whole host of mathematical activities will seem easier. Children need to be able to recall multiplication facts in any





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order and also to derive associated division facts. The National Curriculum's expectations for each year group are set out below:

- Year 1 - Count forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10.
- Year 2 - Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 5 and 10 multiplication tables up to $12x$ in any order.
- Year 3 - Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4, and 8 multiplication tables up to $12x$ in any order.
- Year 4 - Recall and use multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 in any order.
- Year 5 and 6 - Recall and use multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 and apply knowledge to help solve decimal multiplication and division, e.g. $12 \times 12 = 144$ so $12 \times 1.2 = 14.4$

In school, a daily Tables Stick session is delivered. In line with EEF (Education Endowment Foundation) guidance for improving the teaching of maths, Tables Stick provides a strategy-based approach for the teaching of times tables, supported by Tables Stick practical resources to deepen understanding and scaffold learning so the facts make sense for all children. This mastery approach, grounded in number sense, builds on what children already know and emphasises the rich patterns and connections between mathematical facts, locking them into long-term memory for fluent recall and application. As with all manipulatives, it is how they are used that makes the difference. The Tables Stick YouTube channel supports this approach and provides videos for each times table. See here for more information and links to video guidance:

<https://www.tablesstick.co.uk/forhome>

Please encourage children to practise their multiplication facts as these are important in all areas of the curriculum. The emphasis is on accurate recall. All children will be given user names and passwords for TT Rockstars so that they can access this online programme at home. <https://ttrockstars.com/>

Homework

Our approach to homework





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At Thurgoland our approach to homework is quality not quantity; we believe that children should have the time outside of school to grow and develop in different ways. Here is a little more information about our approach:

- Homework activities will be focused around developing children's basic skills in reading (including vocabulary development...learning new words), spelling and number facts. If you would like to spend more time completing homework, we will also set optional creative topic research-based projects each term.
- From time-to-time, children may bring home a piece of work they have missed through absence, or for further reinforcement.
- Homework will be given every Friday to complement work done in class. All homework will be due back on the following Thursday.
- There will be a homework club in school for children who do not have a quiet space to complete activities at home.

Feedback on homework activities:

Reading daily to an adult — whether that be in school or at home — is an important part of developing fluency, confidence and a love of reading. This will be recorded in your child's reading diary.

TT Rockstars practice – Teachers will check the weekly class statistics to monitor children's performance on TT Rockstars. Teachers will analyse any misconception and re-teach these in lesson times.

Creative spellings – Teachers will look at creative spellings and use the 'love heart' symbol to give praise.

Optional topic work – we would encourage your child to bring any topic projects into school to share and celebrate with their class, we are also building up a history timeline display in school. If this isn't possible, feel free to post on Class Dojo to share with your teachers and they will comment when appropriate.

It is our policy to set homework as follows:





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Class	Suggested daily time completing the activities <i>*This is only a suggestion as we appreciate on some days your family will have other commitments *</i>	Activities
Class R	5-10 minutes in total per evening	- Autumn term: Regular reading to an adult * - Spring term: read to an adult and choose number activities from grid. - Summer term: read to an adult, choose number activities from grid and creative spelling using RED words from phonics book. - Plus, optional topic bingo boards – choose as many activities to complete as you like.
Class 1	5-10 mins in total per evening	- Regular reading to an adult * - Daily number facts practise - Numbots / TT rockstars. - Weekly creative spellings. - Plus, optional topic bingo boards – choose as many activities to complete as you like.
Class 2	5 – 10 minutes in total per evening	- Regular reading to an adult *and weekly reading activity. - Daily number facts practise - Numbots / TT rockstars. - Weekly creative spellings. Plus, optional topic bingo boards – choose as many activities to complete as you like.
Class 3, 4 and 5	10 – 15 mins in total per evening	- Regular reading to an adult / regular sustained private reading * - Daily number facts practise - TT rockstars. - Weekly engaging maths and spelling activities set on a platform called Sumdog. Plus, optional topic bingo boards – choose as many activities to complete as you like.
Years 6	20 minutes in total per evening	- Regular reading to an adult / regular sustained private reading * - Daily number facts practise - TT rockstars. - Weekly engaging maths and spelling activities set on a platform called Sumdog. Plus, optional topic bingo boards – choose as many activities to complete as you like.

Reading daily to an adult — whether that be in school or at home — is an important part of developing fluency, confidence and a love of reading. This will be recorded in your child's reading diary.

Assessment





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At Thurgoland C.E. School we see assessment as an integral part of teaching and learning, and it is inextricably linked to our curriculum. We use three broad overarching forms of assessment: day-to-day in-school formative assessment, in-school summative assessment and nationally standardised summative assessment.

Nationally standardised summative assessment

Nationally standardised summative assessment enables:

- School leaders to monitor the performance of pupil cohorts, identify where interventions may be required, and work with teachers to ensure pupils are supported to achieve sufficient progress and attainment
- Teachers to understand national expectations and assess their own performance in the broader national context
- Pupils and parents to understand how pupils are performing in comparison to pupils nationally

Nationally standardised summative assessments include:

- Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) baseline assessment, which are completed in the first half term.
- Phonics screening check in year 1
- Multiplication Check Year 4
- National Curriculum tests and teacher assessments at the end of Key Stage 1 (year 2) and Key Stage 2 (year 6)

Expectations for our required school uniform





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Please ensure that all clothing worn or brought into school is labelled with your child's name and class.

We encourage all children to wear school uniform. This consists of:

- Required – White or navy polo shirts or T-shirts
- Optional – Blue and white checked dresses (not available from Vortex)
- Required – Grey or navy skirts / trousers
- Required – Navy sweatshirts / cardigans

Note, jewellery must not be worn for health and safety reasons and where ears are pierced, only small studs are permitted to be worn. Exceptions can only be made for medical or religious reasons. Long hair should be tied back with appropriate discrete school-coloured hair accessories. Children need to be able to remove their own earrings as well as put them back in.

Please make sure that you clearly label all pieces of your child's clothing, as they are very easily lost if not labelled.

PE Uniform





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P.E. in Class Six is on a Tuesday and Friday.

Children in Classes 1-6 are asked to wear their PE uniform to school on their two scheduled PE days.

By wearing their PE uniform to school: children will be able to have longer for lessons as no time will be lost on changing for PE; it will ensure pupils' privacy and dignity as boys/girls won't need to change in mixed groups; there will be more space in cloakroom areas; and as a Platinum School for Sport, all pupils will be wearing an appropriate kit that enables them to participate fully in lessons.

Our P.E. uniform is:

- Required – PE Team T-Shirt in Navy Blue
- Required – Plain navy or dark coloured jogging bottoms or leggings
- Required – Plain, dark shorts
- Required – 'Lightweight' Trainers i.e. not boot like trainers (these need to be suitable for outdoor physical activity. Black plimsolls will no longer be suitable as these are not waterproof or as practical to walk to school in/wear all day)
- Required – Pupils can wear outdoor coats, school jumpers, a plain navy sweatshirt or a fleece over their PE uniform to travel to school/play outside.

Parents and carers can obtain uniform from:

- The above branded items, plus navy waterproof jackets and fleeces can be purchased at from <https://www.vortexschoolwear.co.uk/Primary-Schools/Thurgoland-Primary-School>
- Or can be bought more widely, e.g. from 'high-street' retailers
- Nearly new uniform sales will take place periodically throughout the year
- Requests for nearly new uniform items can be made via the school office
- Details of any local uniform exchange schemes running, will be shared on school social media.

Water





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Children need to bring their own NAMED water bottle. The school has filtered tap water in the classroom, from which refills can be made. Children are encouraged / allowed to drink at appropriate times throughout the day.

Milk

Children can be provided daily with a carton of milk for the morning break on request from -

<https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>

Snacks / Tuck Shop

Children in KS2 are allowed to bring an extra piece of fruit/vegetable from home if they would like.

At Thurgoland, we thrive on teaching children the meaning and choices to make to lead and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Our Year 6 pupils like to support promoting healthy choices by running a KS2 Healthy Tuck Shop. The Tuck shop will run daily during morning playtime for Key Stage 2 pupils. Children will be able to visit the tuck shop everyday where a range of healthy snacks will be available to purchase. To support all our families, every item sold will be 20p therefore, if your child would like to buy a healthy snack at playtimes from the tuck shop, please ensure they bring money to school.

Note we are a nut free school

School Dinners

At Thurgoland CE Primary School, we are proud to manage our own school kitchen. Our meals are freshly prepared using high-quality ingredients, with many products sourced locally where possible. We aim to provide children with healthy, balanced and enjoyable meals each day.

Children can choose from:





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- Two hot meal options each day
- A jacket potato option
- A daily salad bar selection

Parents/carers select meal choices at home using the Gateway App. Meals can be ordered daily, weekly or for an entire half term in advance. Payment is taken at the point of booking, although families may also choose to add credit to their child's account to cover future meals. School dinners currently cost £3.00 per day.

To support the smooth running of our kitchen and reduce food waste, we kindly ask that all meal choices — including packed lunch selections — are made by 08:00 each morning.

Your support with prompt ordering helps our kitchen team prepare meals efficiently and ensures all children receive their chosen option wherever possible.

We would also encourage families to consider the school meal option where possible. School meals provide children with a nutritious, balanced lunch and are an important part of the social experience of the school day.

