



Class 3's Autumn 1 Newsletter

We are the 'Tremendous Turtles.'

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. Animation
2. Grousing and griping
3. Bonjour
4. Adventurous

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: 97.2% School attendance: 96.9%



"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

Poetry performance:

- Date: Friday 25th September 2026
- Time: 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM
- Details: Please come and join us in Class 3 to see the children perform this half term's poem 'Thinker's Rap' by Eloise Greenfield
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- Murton Park trip:
- Date: Friday 2nd of October, 2026.
- Details: The Tremendous Turtles will be learning more about the Stone Age with an exciting and educational trip to Murton Park!

Parents' meetings:

- Date: Wednesday 7th October 2026
- Details: Parents and carers are invited to meet with our class team to talk about how your child has settled into their new class and ways we can work together to support them to be their best selves.

KS2 Disco:

- Date: Thursday 23rd of October, 2025.



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- Time: 4:45PM-6PM
- Details: Children will be able to join with the rest of KS2 to have some disco dancing fun.

Important Information

Homework Policy:

Homework is assigned every half term. The children should complete each task (reading, TT Rockstars, a choice of topic and spellings) weekly and send it in on dojo or bring it to school to share with the class. Please encourage your child to manage their time effectively and complete as many tasks as possible each week.

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 3 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 the following book: George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

Our focus will be on developing our understanding of new vocabulary and our fluency and expression when reading aloud.

Writing:

In writing we will be exploring speech marks, questioning, exclamations and reporting clauses in our narrative writing.

Our focus will be on developing the use of adjectives, adverbs and commands/ imperative verbs. We will learn to think about our audience when making choices in our writing.

Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will cover foundational concepts, including:
Knowledge of number, place value and addition and subtraction.

Science:

In science, we will focus on Animals, including humans.

We will learn about how animals, including humans, need nutrition for survival and growth, identifying different food groups and the importance of a balanced diet. We will also learn about the human skeleton and muscles, understanding their roles in support, protection, and movement. We will explore the function of joints and how exercise affects the body.

Physical Education:

On Mondays and Wednesdays, we will be developing core movement skills like running, jumping, throwing and catching, along with foundational ball skills, coordination and balance.

PHSE/RSE:

This half term, children will be looking at the topic of keeping and staying safe. They will learn about making safe choices, what to do and who to ask for help if they feel unsafe and the role of the emergency services.



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RE:

In RE, we will be learning about why Jewish people celebrate Sabbath and why it is important for them.

Art:

In Art, children will be exploring cave paintings and using a range of mediums, including pastel, pencil and paint, to create their own pieces of art inspired by Stone Age images.

ICT:

In ICT, the children will be exploring how media is created and finding out about stop frame animation. They will even make a short animation of their own!

Music:

We will be exploring ballads, including finding out what a ballad is, performing a ballad and then writing our own lyrics for a ballad.

History:

This half term, Y3 will be learning about Prehistoric Britain by exploring the question 'How can we possibly know what life was like so many years before man recorded his thoughts in writing?' Children will have the opportunity to use timelines, explore different source materials (such as the artifacts found at Skara Brae), consider why Stone Henge was built and so much more.

French:

Children will learn about how to greet people in French.

This half term promises to be a rewarding and enjoyable journey for all students in Class 3. We're excited for a time filled with learning, growth, and fun, where everyone is encouraged to love learning, give things a go, show resilience, aim high, and treat others with respect. **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 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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