



Class 4's Autumn 1 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. Spectacle
2. Lashing
3. Scrupulous
4. Originate

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: 95.2 % 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

Class 3(Stone Age) & 4(Roman) Trip to Murton Park

- Date: Friday 3rd October 2026
- Time: 8:30 am – 3:30pm
- Details: An immersive day at Murton Park, exploring life in Ancient Rome, life in the Roman Army and creating pottery.

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 consists of: daily reading (upload 2 minutes of reading to Dojo once per week), half-termly spelling practice, daily TTRS practice, optional topic homework – this half term our topic is all related to the Romans! **The first homework will be set on Friday 18th September 2026.**

Classroom Supplies Needed

We kindly request donations of recyclable materials (cardboard, string, textured paper, e.g. sandpaper) to support our creation of multi-cultural inspired prints.

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!



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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 the following books: The Jabberwocky and The Firework Maker's Daughter.

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 exploring poetry with a focus of the Jabberwocky to create our own mystical creature and write a nonsense poem. We will follow this topic with newspaper writing for an Escape from Pompeii extract.

Our focus will be on developing the use of high-level vocabulary and sentence structures to support the cohesion of our writing.

Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will cover foundational concepts, including: Place Value and addition and subtraction. We will be revising our times tables for 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4's to ensure these are embedded into our long-term memory.

Science:

In science, we will focus on: electricity, learning all about what electricity is, how electricity can be mains or battery operated. We will also learn how to stay safe when around electricity and creating our own circuits.

Physical Education:

We will revisit our fundamental movements for PE, before applying to our ball skills unit, where we look at controlling and moving with the ball. We then apply our history knowledge and combine it with PE to create an Ancient Roman Dance!

PHSE/RSE:

We will be learning all about how to keep ourselves safe and maintain our safety. We will also know how to keep and ensure we stay healthy.

Art:

We will be exploring multi-cultural prints from India and Africa, before using these pieces of art work to inspire our own design and creation of a multi-cultural print. We will create our finished product of a print.

Music:

We will explore our own bodies and how we can become percussion instruments. We also will look at tuned percussion instruments and how we can make music with these.

History:

We are going back in time to Ancient Rome, where we will look at the leaders of the Roman Empire and evaluate who was the most successful leader.

French:

In French we will learn how to speak French to describe ourselves and our portraits!



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RE:

In RE, we learn all about the Judaism Faith and the foot festivals. We learn all about the term pilgrimage and the importance of each Festival in Judaism.

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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