THURGOLAND
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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. passion
2. admiration
3. prowl
4. chuckles
5. observe

Class 1's Autumn 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Peaceful Pandas.'

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 1's attendance: 97.1% School attendance: 97.3%



"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

Whole School Cinema Christmas Trip

- Date: 11th December 2026
- Time: 9.00 – 12.00
- Details: We will visit Penistone Paramount for our annual Christmas Cinema film trip, for the morning.

Christmas Party

- Date: 11th December 2026
- Time: 12.00- 3.00
- Details: We will celebrate our class Christmas party on the afternoon of Friday 11th December. This will be a super afternoon, filled with lots of Christmas fun!

Important Information

We are very lucky to have a wonderful dedicated area outside EYFS and year 1 classroom. This enhances our curriculum and learning through play-based opportunities. As you can appreciate, time is spent planning and organising this provision to meet the needs of our children, so we really would appreciate your support by supervising younger family members to avoid toys and resources being used at drop off and collection times. Thank you

By working and playing together we can love, learn and respect.

"It has been said beautifully and profoundly, that our God in his most inner mystery is not solitude, but a family." John Paul II

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 1 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: Room on the Broom, Anna Hibiscus, and Cops and Robbers.

Our focus will be on understanding the sequence of the story and thinking about how the characters might feel. We will develop our oracy skills to ask questions about a text for a deeper understanding of the events that occur.

Writing:
In writing we will be exploring Anna Hibiscus, Cops and Robbers and The Bear and the Piano. Our in-depth understanding of the stories supports oracy and develops our ability to write about the narrative we are reading. Our focus this half term will continue and we will develop our use of capital letter, finger spaces and full stops. We will work hard to develop the use of 'and' and 'because' so we can extend our writing skills. We will develop our independent writings skills and start to apply more of what we know.

Mathematics:
Our mathematics curriculum will cover a range of concepts, including: understanding of place value, addition and subtraction as well as geometry. We further develop our mathematical skills through our 'Mastering Number' programme to develop our mental maths skills and support our mathematical understanding.

Science:
In science, we will focus on: Pets
In this unit the children will explore, identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. They will also describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals including pets.

Physical Education:
In PE we cover a range of skills this half term, including our gymnastic units. We will also develop our ball skills within the unit 'Target games'.

PSHE:
In PSHE, we will focus on: Relationships
In this unit the children will explore friendships and how we behave within our friendships.

DT:
In DT we learn how to sew! We design a snowman finger puppet and sew this carefully. We then add additional features to the finger puppet to make it come alive!

RE:
Our focus this half term is Christianity where we learn new vocabulary and information about the Christian faith. We investigate the question… What do Christians believe God is like?

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.

Music:
In music, we will focus on: Tempo
This half term the children will be exploring more about the tempo using their voices, bodies and instruments to show how fast or slow a song is.

History:
In our History unit we focus on how Thurgoland used to be. We look at the old buildings in the village and how these have changed. We think about what the village used to look like and how we can spot an older building.

This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class 1. 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/

Homework:

Little and Often Makes a Difference!

Regular practice at home helps children consolidate their learning, build confidence and develop the skills they need to succeed. We encourage families to prioritise:

- Reading: Aim to read at least four times a week. Remember to upload a two-minute audio or video recording of your child reading to Class Dojo once a week.
- Spelling: Practise spelling patterns and words regularly to help children remember them and use them accurately in their writing.
- Maths: Encourage daily practice using NumBots (KS1) or Times Tables Rock Stars (KS2) to build fluency and confidence with number facts.

Short, regular practice can make a real difference over time. Thank you for working in partnership with us to support your child's learning. Every little bit of practice counts!

Homework is assigned every Friday and is due the following Thursday. Please encourage your child to manage their time effectively.

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.