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. precious
2. extraordinary
3. problematic
4. uncomfortable
5. beware

Class 2's Autumn 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Spectacular Sea Otters'

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 2's attendance: 100% 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

- First homework after half term to be set Friday 6th November

Whole School Cinema Christmas Trip

- Date: Friday 11th December 2026
- Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Details: We will visit Penistone Paramount for our annual Christmas Cinema film trip, for the morning.

Christmas Party

- Date: Friday 11th December 2026
- Time: 1:00pm – 3:15pm
- Details: We will celebrate our class Christmas party on the afternoon of Friday 12th December. This will be a super afternoon, filled with lots of Christmas fun!

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Important Information

Outdoor learning

In class 2 we love to get outside and make use of our amazing outdoor resources, including the new resources in the pond area. As the weather changes, we please ask that children bring a pair of wellies to store on our welly rack so that we can make use of the outside space whatever the weather without getting soggy socks!

Nativity

This week children will be bringing home their nativity scripts for this year's nativity 'A King is Born'. Please send scripts to school every day until your child is confident at saying their lines without it. We will be rehearsing in school but please can you spend time at home practising so that your child is able to say their lines from memory. We will send out additional information regarding costumes and tickets in the coming weeks.

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 or Times Tables Rock Stars to build fluency and confidence with number facts.

Homework is assigned every Friday and is due the following Thursday morning. In Class 2, we also set a reading comprehension activity. We will send home a paper copy of this in additional to putting a copy on Dojo.

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!

Book bags

We have had a number of missing or damaged books this half term including water damage from drinks bottles. Please could you send your child's book in a book bag or a plastic wallet.

Playtime snacks

Children in KS1 are provided with fresh fruit / vegetables daily for their morning snack and are allowed to bring an extra piece of fruit/vegetable from home if they would like. Children who bring a packed lunch should only eat these at lunchtime alongside their peers in the dinner hall.

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.

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.

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What are we learning about this half term?

This half term, Class 2 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: Gecko's Echo, and Perfectly Norman. Our focus will be on developing oral comprehension skills and key vocabulary.

Writing:
In writing we will be exploring narrative writing with a focus on The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark by Jill Tomlinson and writing a diary entry based on The Great Fire of London. Our focus will be on developing the use of adverbs to describe verbs. Children will also learn how to write in the past progressive using the past progressive form of verbs in their diaries.

Mathematics:
Our mathematics curriculum will continue our work on addition and subtraction. We will then move on to understanding shapes and their properties. Times tables will still be our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Science:
In science, our new unit is Squash, Bend, Twist, Stretch. This unit will build on the learning from the previous half term looking at properties of materials and how they are used.

RE:
This half terms focus in Christianity and incarnation. Our question will be 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'.

Physical Education:
Gymnastics – based on shapes, balances and rolls. We will also continue our PE sessions with Mr Burgin on a Thursday.

PHSE/RSE:
Relationships. This will cover elements of Bullying and Body Language.

History:
Our learning is about The Great Fire of London – we will be investigating how it started, how it spread and learning about the sources of the information we know about the fire.

Music:
Instruments: Musical story telling. In this unit children will learn how events, actions and feelings can be represented by music.

Computing:
This half term we will be learning about how to keep safe online and all about our digital footprints.

This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class 2. 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.