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. endangered
2. durable
3. flexible
4. Trinity

Class 3's Autumn 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Tremendous Turtles.'

A very warm welcome to this half term'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 3's attendance: 97.0% 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

Remembrance Service
Date: Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 11:00 AM
Details: Service in school; family members invited.

Be Bright, Be Seen Walk to School
Date: Monday 17th November 2026
Details: Walk to school wearing bright clothes for visibility.

Children in Need
Date: Friday 20th November 2026
Details: A day for fundraising and fun. Look out for details on the weekly newsletter.

School Christmas Fair
Date: 4th December 2026
Details: 2.10pm - 4pm. KS2 can be collected at 3pm.

End of Term Book Amnesty
Date: Thursday 10th December 2026
Details: Return all school books so we can organise them for Spring term.

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

Rocksteady Music Concert
Date: Thursday 10th December 2026 at 2 PM
Details: Families welcome to join us for a live music concert by Rocksteady bands.

Penistone Cinema Trip and Christmas Party day
Date: Friday 11th December 2026
Details: Cinema trip for all years and Christmas party at school.

Singing Santa Stroll / Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner
Date: Thursday 17th December 2026
Details: Festive stroll, Christmas jumpers and traditional dinner.

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: Stig of the Dump by Clive King and the Ice Palace by Robert Swindells.

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 descriptive narratives in the third person. Children will have the opportunity to write their own narratives and poems inspired by Stig of the Dump.

Our focus will be on developing the use of adjectives, adverbs and effective sentence openers. We will learn to think about our audience when making choices in our writing.

Mathematics:
We will be continuing our learning about addition and subtraction, using different methods to solve problems. We will then move on to our next topics, including multiplication and division, using objects, pictures and number facts to help us understand.

Science:
In science, we will focus on Rocks and Fossils. We will learn about different types of rocks and how they are formed. We will explore how to compare their properties and how soil is made. We will also find out how fossils are formed and what they tell us about plants and animals from the past. We will learn how rocks and fossils help us understand Earth's history.

Physical Education:
We will be learning football skills and gymnastics, which includes using different parts of the body to balance and move.

PHSE/RSE:
This half term, we will learn about different types of relationships, how to build healthy friendships and the importance of respect, empathy and communication.

RE:
We will learn about the Christian belief in the Trinity – that God is one but known as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We will explore how Christians use symbols, stories and worship to understand and describe the nature of God.

DT:
In DT, we will design and make a utility belt by turning 2D fabric into a 3D product, using sewing techniques and choosing materials for their function, while evaluating and improving our designs based on feedback.

ICT:
In ICT, we will be learning all about how to stay safe online.

Music:
We will be creating musical compositions inspired by an animation, exploring how to use sound, tempo, and dynamics to reflect mood and movement.

Geography:
This half term, Y3 will be learning about North America by exploring the question 'Beyond the Magic Kingdom -What is the Sunshine State really like?' Pupils will gain an understanding of the physical and human geographical features of a region in North America with which they can begin to compare and contrast the characteristics of a region of the United Kingdom.

French:
We will learn French words for colours, sizes, and shapes. We will practise describing objects using these adjectives and build sentences to talk about what things look like.

This new half term promises to be an exciting and rewarding journey for all students in Class 3, as we move through the colours and changes of autumn towards the joy and excitement of Christmas. We look forward to a half term full of learning, progress, and enjoyment, where everyone is encouraged to love learning, take on new challenges, show resilience, aim high and treat others with kindness and 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.