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. punctual
2. resemblance
3. remarked
4. convenience

Class 4's Autumn 2 Newsletter

We are the Brave Black Rhinos!

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 4's attendance: 97.9% 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

Year 4 Skipping Festival at PGS Sports Hall

- Date: Friday 20th November 2026
- Time: 10:00am – 12:00am
- Details: An event ran by School Games to support pupils skipping skills and leading healthy lifestyles.

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 11th December. This will be a super afternoon, filled with lots of Christmas fun!

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

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! **Homework is always set on a Friday and due back in the following Thursday.**

Classroom Supplies Needed

We kindly request donations of any old picture books with moving parts, to inspire us for our DT topic of moving books and any A4 card plain or coloured would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your support with our art topic last half term, our final prints were amazing!

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 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: Krindlekrax. This is an exciting book about a monster and a hero who outwits it!

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 using our class text – Krindlekrax - to inspire a non-chronological report and a narrative piece. We will explore the features and style of writing for our non-fiction report, before creating our own monster to publish our own non-chronological report. For our second unit in writing, our narrative will be a descriptive piece using Krindlekrax, as the inspiration for our character description.

Our focus will be on developing the use of sentence structures and using subordinating conjunctions to extend our sentences, to add more depth and information into our writing. In our narrative we will be looking at figurative language to describe our new monster.

Mathematics:

Our mathematics curriculum will cover foundational concepts, including: Multiplication, Division and learning how to calculate area. We will begin to learn multiplication in column method and division using short division.

Science:

In science, we will focus on: states of matter. This unit will provide plenty of hands-on experiments to understand and observe materials changing state between solids, liquids and gases. You could learn this at home too with the melting chocolate experiment to make a solid into a liquid and then add some rice krispies to make rice krispie buns and watch the chocolate solidify again!

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.

Physical Education:
We will begin building our knowledge and expertise in dodgeball, learning to dodge the ball and aim with our throwing to get the opposition out. We will also explore movement in gymnastics and create routines. We have an upcoming sports competition for dodgeball too this half term for boys and girls!

PHSE/RSE:
We will be learning all about how our bodies grow and change as we continue to grow.

Geography:
In DT this half term, we will become authors, illustrators and publishers of our very own moving book. We will explore levers, pull-outs and spinning components to a moving book, before writing, designing and creating our own.

Music:
We will explore the rock n roll era in music and creating our own pieces!

Geography:
We will explore the question of, '*Why do so many people live in mega-cities?*' and develop understanding of the geographical features of mega cities and the advantages of living in one.

French:
In French we will learn all about clothes and dressing ourselves and how to communicate this in French.

RE:
In RE, we learn all about the Christianity exploring the key question of, '*What kind of world did Jesus want?*' We take time to reflect on this and how we act within the world we live in today.

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.