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. unfurled
2. fulcrum
3. adverbials
4. organic
5. omniscient

Class 5's Autumn 2 Newsletter

We are the 'Terrific Tigers'

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 5's attendance: 99.2% 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 Events

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!

Class reminders

- Bread making as part of our Food Technology unit – children will need to bring an ingredient of their choice to add (eg: cheese, seeds, raisins, chocolate chips) The exact date will be sent as a reminder closer to the lesson.
- Parachute making as part of science and the study of forces. (Children will need a material of their choice, string and a weight to ensure they can make and launch their parachutes in lesson time.) The exact date will be sent as a reminder closer to the lesson.

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

- Science field work – Children will study the map of Thurgoland and locate our school, their homes and any potential flood risk areas in the village before brainstorming ideas to prevent potential flooding. They will spend an afternoon flood proofing our school.

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 and SUMDOG 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 5 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: Flotsam by D. Wiesner and The Last Bear by Hannah Gold

Our focus will be on understanding climate change through these texts and developing our understanding of new vocabulary and different question types for written answers.

Writing:
In writing we will be exploring persuasive arguments against plastic pollution, writing biographies about David Attenborough, learning how to use rhythm and rhyme in narrative poetry as well as completing some Christmas themed pieces closer to the end of term.

Our focus will be on developing our use of relative clauses, modal verbs and using subordinating conjunctions effectively.

Mathematics:
Our mathematics curriculum will cover foundational concepts, including:
Multiplication, division and fractions

Science:
In science, we will focus on: Forces
Students will learn about how forces impact our world including balanced and unbalanced forces, resistance forces and gravity. They will compose enquiry questions and make observations through this interactive unit.

Physical Education:
In PE children will be learning tag rugby skills and participating in gymnastics.

PHSE/RSE:
This half term, children will be looking at the topic of Growing and Changing and at the different changes boys and girls go through during puberty.

Art / DT:
In DT, children will be baking bread and choosing their own delicious ingredients to enhance the recipe thinking about the purpose of their bakes. In Art, children will be learning about Frieda Kahlo and studying some of her amazing work creating self-portraits in her style.

Music:
Children will be learning about the history of the blues and performing a 12-bar piece of music.

Geography / History:
This half term, Y5 will be learning about climate change. Children will 'travel' around the world from Gambia to Australia; the UK to Greenland, all the while learning about how climate change affects different parts of the world and what communities can do to fights against these changes.

French:
Children will be learning to describe the solar system and compare planets in French this half term.
This half term promises to be an enriching and enjoyable experience for all students in Class 5. 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.