



# Classroom Newsletter

Class Name Thrive 1

Teacher Name Sarah

## Autumn 2

### English

This term, thrive 1 will be diving into the world of Gothic literature, exploring its eerie atmosphere, dark themes, and intriguing characters. Our main focus will be on the story of *The Corpse Bride*, where we will unravel its unique blend of romance and mystery. Through this engaging tale, students will learn about key elements of Gothic fiction and the powerful emotions these stories evoke.

### Maths

This term in maths, thrive 1 will be focusing on understanding fractions and how to convert between different units. Students will explore concepts like simplifying fractions, finding equivalent fractions, and performing basic operations with them. Additionally, they'll learn how to convert between units of measurement. For example, converting 1500 millilitres into Litres, students will discover that 1500 millilitres equal 1.5 litres. This practical approach will help strengthen their skills in handling everyday measurements and fractions.

### Science

Science: This term in science, thrive 1 will be exploring the fascinating topic of light. Students will investigate how light travels, how it interacts with different materials, and how we see things. They will also learn about reflection, refraction, and the importance of light in our daily lives. Through experiments and hands-on activities, students will develop a deeper understanding of this essential natural phenomenon.

### Humanities

History: This term in history, thrive 1 will be delving into the topic of leisure and entertainment, exploring how people have spent their free time throughout history. From early forms of public entertainment like theatre and sports to the rise of cinema and modern-day technology, students will examine how leisure activities have evolved and shaped cultures. They will also consider how social changes, and technological advancements have influenced the ways people relax and enjoy themselves.

Geography: This term in Geography, thrive 1 will be learning about different types of settlements. Students will explore how settlements, such as villages, towns, and cities, are structured and what factors influence where and how people live. They will learn about the characteristics of rural and urban settlements, the role of transportation, and how the environment and economy impact settlement patterns. Through this topic, students will gain a deeper understanding of how human geography shapes communities around the world.





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## PSHE

This term in PSHE, thrive 1 will be learning about puberty, emotional health, and well-being. Students will explore the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty, gaining an understanding of how these changes affect their bodies and feelings. They will also focus on emotional well-being, learning strategies to manage stress, build resilience, and maintain positive mental health. Through open discussions and activities, students will develop self-awareness and learn how to support their own well-being as they grow and mature.

## RE

This term in Religious Education (RE), thrive 1 will be exploring the theme of hurt and healing. Students will discuss how different religions and cultures approach the concepts of pain, suffering, forgiveness, and recovery. They will reflect on stories and teachings that offer guidance on healing, both physically and emotionally, and learn how communities support one another during difficult times. Through this topic, students will gain insight into the importance of compassion, understanding, and reconciliation in overcoming hurt.

## Art/DT

**This term in Art and Design Technology (DT), thrive 1 will be using their creativity to design and make a 3D model of a character from *The Corpse Bride*. Students will explore different materials and techniques to bring their designs to life, focusing on form, structure, and detail. Through this hands-on project, they will develop their artistic and technical skills while expressing their interpretation of the character, adding unique features and textures to their models.**

## Sport

This term in Physical Education, thrive 1 will be focusing on sports coaching and officiating. Students will learn how to lead and organize sports activities, developing key skills in communication, teamwork, and leadership. They will also gain an understanding of the rules and roles of an official in various sports, practising how to fairly manage games and ensure they run smoothly. Through these experiences, students will build confidence both as players and in guiding others in a sporting environment.

## Important Reminders

**Swimming lessons are every Wednesday, ensure students have swimming shorts/costume, towel and goggles if required.**

