



Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Spring Term 1 Newsletter



Europe Class
Year 5



Let Your light shine!

Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing Christmas even if it wasn't quite what you had originally planned!

Due to current health and safety guidance we have to ensure there is adequate air flow in the classrooms which means some windows have to be open all the time—please make sure your child has a jumper to keep them warm.

In the event that we have to close work will be posted on Google Classroom as before. We will aim to answer any queries you have as quickly as possible but as we will still be in school with key worker children please bear with us if we do not respond straight away.

PE is on Thursday — Please remember to come to school in your kit!

This half term's learning:

This half term's topic is **biomes and climate zones!**

This means our topic focus this half term will be **geography.**



English learning objectives:

This half term we will begin by looking at persuasive writing and speeches by influential historical figures such as Martin Luther King. We will then move on to writing recounts and looking at a text in detail.

Maths learning objectives:

In Maths we will be learning how to solve long multiplication and division problems using a variety of formal written methods before moving on to developing our knowledge of fractions.

We will continue to have a weekly arithmetic focus to improve the children's rapid recall of number facts and we will also be sending home weekly times table homework to ensure all the children are secure in their recall of all the times tables up to 12 X 12.

Other curriculum areas :

This half term we will be starting our new topic learning about **climate zones and biomes.**

In **Science** we will be learning about forces. This will involve learning about gravity and investigating friction, air resistance and water resistance. We will end the topic by learning about and making a variety of different mechanisms.

In **Geography** we will learn to identify the biomes of the World and understand the features, We will conduct research to appreciate the life of an indigenous person living in a chosen biome.

In **Computing** we will use our Purple Mash program to develop our knowledge and coding skills.

Our **Art** this half term will be linked to our geography topic. We will be exploring some work of famous landscape artists and learning about their style and technique. We will choose a style from the artists and create our very own biome scenes.