



Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Spring Term 1 Newsletter



Africa Class Year 2



Let our light shine!

Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas Break and managed to spend time with your families. The Year 2 team are looking forward to welcoming you all back for another exciting half term of learning all about our new topic "Planet Earth".

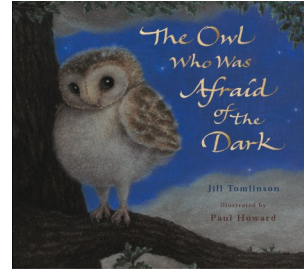
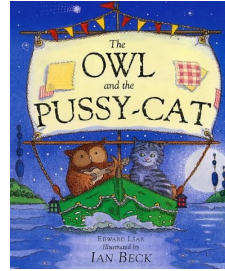
Here are some of the things we will be focusing Our learning on this half term...



This half term's learning:

This half term we are going to be learning all about "Our Planet"

We will begin by focusing our learning in English on the classic poem "The Owl and The Pussy-cat" By Edward Lear we will then move on to reading the short chapter book "The owl who was afraid of the dark". Focusing on nocturnal animals and animal and plant habitats linking this to the countries and continents of our planet.



English learning objectives:

Within writing children will be focusing on non-fiction reports, Poetry and narratives.

Children will be able to:

- Punctuate sentences with a full stop, question mark and exclamation mark.
- Join words and clauses with and, because, so
- Use new spelling rules accurately in their writing.
- Develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by
 - Writing poetry.
 - writing narratives about personal experiences and those of others (real and fictional)
 - writing about real events
 - writing for different purposes

In reading children will:

- develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding.
- Be introduced to poetry and non-fiction books that are structured in different ways
- discussing and clarifying the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary.
- discussing the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related

The children did brilliantly with their phonics learning last half term. We will continue to do short burst phonics practice along side the RWI spelling scheme this half term continue to work on adding suffixes and prefixes to root words, looking at new spelling rules for different sounds.

Please use the oxford reading owl logins you will receive to access the RWI reading books online at home.

Math's learning objectives

Within Math's the children will be focusing on:

- Multiplication & Division (2,3,5,10)
- Odd and even numbers
- Statistics with a focus on interpreting data and creating pictograms and block diagrams.

They will use various manipulatives and strategies to solve these questions and be able to reason and problem solve.

Please continue to use TTRS to practice the timetables we are focusing on in year 2. The children receive certificates for their efforts at home.

Science

We be will learning about animals and classifying things that are alive, dead or were once alive. As well as learning about animal and plant habitats. We will be exploring our local habitats within school to see what animals, plants and insects live in our local environment.

Art

We will focus on colour and texture, observing and exploring colours within different habitats linked to our science topic. We will then create our own habitat collages using different materials, textures and colours that reflect the habitat chosen.

Geography

We will be creating our own travel passport travelling all around the world to learn about the seven continents and five oceans in detail. This topic will continue through to Spring 2.

Computing

We will be learning about spreadsheets and how to use these to input amounts, add totals and creating tables and block diagrams from data.

Music

Music lessons will be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub and link closely to our topic.

Religious Education

Our key question this half term is "How do Christians belong to their faith family" The children will understand the importance to Christians of worshipping together, learn about communions, baptisms. Explore light and water and representation within Christianity. As well as understand why Christians go to church.

PE

We will be learning how to play Tri Golf—weather permitted

Important information and dates

Homework

Please continue to read at home. Practice spellings spelling tests will be on Fridays and you will receive new spellings weekly linked to the spelling rules taught that week.

Homework books will be taken in on Wednesdays, marked and given back by Fridays weekly. Please look at the front page with information on which pages to work through in each book.

Please continue to bring in your child's books bags with reading records and books into school.

PE Tuesday

Our PE day will continue to be Tuesday please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit.

Forest School Fridays — The children have the fantastic opportunity to continue with their forest schools this half term. Please ensure the children bring in waterproofs on **Fridays**. Children should also wear suitable clothing to cover legs on this day, no skirts or dresses.