



# Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

## Spring Term 2 Newsletter



### Africa Class Year 2



Let our light shine!

Welcome back after a blustery half term! I hope you all managed to stay safe! This half term we will be continuing our learning about "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 popular story of "Fantastic Mr. Fox" by Roald Dahl. We will also be focusing on Non-fiction texts about food chains linking closely to our science and geography topics.

The class story is quite long so if you have it home and would like to read it together as a family that would be great!



#### English learning objectives:

Within writing children will be focusing on character profiles and explanation texts.

Children will be able to:

- Punctuate sentences with a full stop, question mark and exclamation mark.
- Join words and clauses with subordinating and coordinating conjunctions
- Use new spelling rules accurately in their writing.

Develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by

- Writing character profiles and explanation texts
- 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

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:

- Fractions (1/2 1/4 1/3 2/4 3/4 2/3) including unit and non-unit fractions
- Statistics
- Shapes and their properties.
- 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 will be learning about animals and classifying them into herbivore, omnivores and carnivores. As well as learning about food chains.

We will be continuing to explore our local habitats within school to see what animals, plants and insects live in our local environment and the changes to those habitats through different seasons

#### D&T

We will focus on movement and create fox puppets linked to our English lessons.

#### Geography

We will be creating large world maps and adding information about the seven continents and five oceans in detail.

#### Computing

We will be learning about questioning creating binary trees and pictograms on 2question software on purple mash.

#### 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 Jews celebrate Passover (Pesach) The children will learn about different festivals and focus on the festival of Pesach understanding the role of the story of Moses.

#### 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.