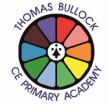




Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Summer 1 Newsletter



Africa Class Year 2



Let our light shine!

Welcome back Year 2!

I hope you had an "egg-celent" Easter holidays! We have a busy but exciting 5 1/2 weeks ahead of us for this half term. As the weather hopefully begins to warm up please ensure you bring in sun hats and water to keep hydrated.

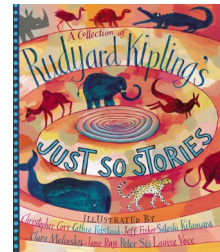
At the end of this half term the children will be completing their end of KS1 SATS. Please look-out for dates for a parents meeting regarding these. I will be able to answer any questions that you have.

This half term's learning:

This half term we are going to be learning all about "Life in Kenya"

We will begin by focusing our learning in English on the amazing "Just so stories" By Rudyard Kipling. You can find lots of these online so please do share them with your child. They are also re-told through the Tinga, Tinga tales the cartoon series link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WRC8SS2sHMg>



English learning objectives:

Within writing children will be focusing on narratives and non-chronological reports about Kenya.

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 short narratives
- writing about real events
- Writing non-chronological reports

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 we will be recapping spelling rules taught this year as well as focusing on using the apostrophe for contracted forms and for possession as well as homophones and homographs.

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:

Revision of

- addition and subtraction
- multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Money

And learning how to

- Tell the time to hour, half past, quarter to, quarter past
- Solve problems involving time
- Position and direction

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 plants and growth. We will be learning about different seeds, understanding what seeds need to grow, experimenting and observing plants grow as well as dissecting seeds to understand what they are made up of and the jobs those parts do.

D&T

We will be creating moving safari pictures focusing on different mechanisms to make pictures move.

Geography

We will be learning about life in Kenya, understanding the similarities and differences between where we live and places in Kenya.

Computing

We will be learning about creating pictures—creating beautiful art using online systems.

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 "Why do Jews go to Synagogue?" The children will learn about the similarities and differences between the Christian and Jewish places of worship

PE

We will be learning how to play cricket 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 and Wednesday

Our PE days will be Tuesday and Wednesday please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on these days.

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.