

Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy Summer Term 1 Newsletter





Oceania Class Year One





Summer Term I

Welcome back! We hope you all had an egg-cellent, relaxing Easter break and not too much chocolate! Mr. Johnson, Miss. King and Mrs. Rowling are looking forward to yet another busy half term. This time

we will be learning all about our topic called, 'The United Kingdom'. Here are some of the things we will be learning about throughout this half of the summer term...

The United Kingdom

As a geographer, Mr. Johnson is particularly looking forward to our topic about the UK in geography.

We will be discovering which countries make up the UK and what their capital cities are. We will be looking at each country's flag and how they combine to make The Union Jack.



English

Phonics: This half term we will be revisiting any sounds we are still unsure of from (RWI: Read, Write, Inc.) set 2 and 3 and having a big push on blending to really help us with our phonics screening check in June. There will be lots of being 'digraph detectives' (looking for the 'special friends' / 'digraphs' in words) & 'sound talking' like Fred the Frog. The children will continue to receive weekly spellings and will be tested on these every Friday!

Reading: We will be putting our phonic knowledge to good use to 'sound out / Fred Talk' the letters in words and 'blend' them back together to help us read — please remind your child to put their book and diary in the box in school to ensure they change their books — thank you. Of course, we will still be sharing picture books and fun stories at story time every day to build up a love of



Writing & Key Texts: This half term, we will be reading several books in English; 'Katy Goes to London' by James Mayhew—which will help us write a postcard. The traditional version of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' – to help us retell a fairytale. And a non-fiction book called 'A Bean's Life' – to help us write instructions to plant and grow beans!

Spring & Summer

In science we are continuing our daily, class weather chart and seeing if we can spot any changes as we transition through spring and into summer. We will also be looking at what happens to plants and animals during this time as we did for autumn and winter in the autumn term.



Religious Education

This half term we will be answering the philosophical question: How did the universe come to be? To do this, we will be comparing the Christian and Hindu creation stories and then looking at how we can look after our environment.





Music

Music lessons will continue to be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub – they sound so much fun! This half term is called 'Creative Time'

Physical Education

PE will continue to be held on Tuesday & our additional PE session has changed from Friday to Wednesday! Please come to school in appropriate PE kit on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Notes

As much of our learning takes place outdoors, we politely request that a pair of wellies are kept in school. Please continue to bring your child's bookbag (containing their reading book and record), water bottle (with fresh WATER), a lunch box if required and a waterproof coat every day.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you $\ensuremath{\mathfrak{S}}$

Maths

We will continue to practice our number fluency through 'Number Ninjas' followed by a short weekly arithmetic quiz on a Friday. This half term we are focusing on simple multiplication (counting in groups) and division (grouping and sharing), simple fractions (finding half and quarters of shapes and amounts) and describing position and direction.

Please continue to work on your times tables using your TTRS log ins or if these are a bit tricky to start with, just have fun counting and singing in a twos, fives and tens pattern.