

Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy Summer Term 2 Newsletter





Oceania Class Year One



Summer Term 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a very restful half term and coming back ready for our final weeks of Year One! Crazy how fast time flies when you're having fun. Mr. Johnson, Miss. King and Mrs. Rowling are all looking forward to our busiest but most exciting half term of them all. This time we will be

learning all about our topic called, 'Commotion in the Ocean'. Here are some of the things we will be learning about...

English

<u>Phonics</u>: This half term sees the children taking part in the phonics screening check. We know the children will all do their best and that is all we can ask. After this we will be revisiting any sounds we are still unsure of from (RWI: Read, Write, Inc.) set 2 and 3 and having a further push on our blending skills. 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!

<u>Reading</u>: 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

reading.

Writing & Key Texts: This half term, we will be reading poetry books such as, 'Commotion in the



Ocean' by Giles Andreae to help us write a senses seaside poem and a beautiful book called, 'Lost and



Found' by Oliver Jeffers to help us write our own innovated version of the story.

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 describing turns and position in geometry, recognizing coins and notes when learning about money and learning to tell the 'o'clock' and 'half past' times.

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.

Seaside: Now & Then In history this half term we will be learning all about the seaside. We will be looking at where the seaside is, what



features the seaside has and how seaside holidays have changed over time. We hope to finish this topic with an exciting trip to Wells Heritage Center and of course... a visit to the beach!

Common Plants

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 but also starting



our new topic about plants. We will be looking at the basic parts of plants and trees, identifying some common garden and wild plants and finding out why plants are so important to us all!

Religious Education

This half term we will be continuing to answer 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 'Minibeasts'.

Physical Education

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

Notes

As much of our learning takes place outdoors, we politely request that a pair of wellies are kept in school and long legwear for forest school on Fridays. 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 🐵