



Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Autumn Term 1 Newsletter



Africa Class Year 2



Let our light shine!

Welcome back!

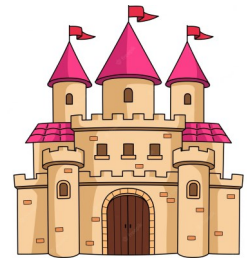
We hope you had a wonderful Summer Holiday and are looking forward to the new school year ahead! Mrs Martin and I can't wait to share an exciting year with Africa class and begin some fantastic learning with them! Please feel free to contact me via the school office if you have any questions or concerns about your child. I am always happy to help and support in any way that I can.



This half term's learning:

This half term our topic theme is called "Kings and Queens"

The children will be exploring Kings and Queens in their History lessons along side the poems "If I Were King" and "If I Was Queen" as part of their English unit where they will work towards creating their own poem. We also have a very exciting trip planned to Sandringham!



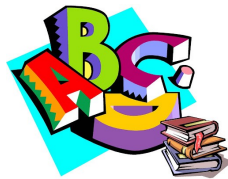
English

We will be continuing to work on our writing as a main focus this term; working hard on our handwriting.

In addition:

Children will also be able to:

- Use adjectives in a sentence to describe
- Use expanded noun phrases
- Use the conjunctions— because, and
- Use the past tense (suffix -ed)
- Know the different word classes
- Use commas in a list



Develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by

- Daily handwriting sessions to develop our joined handwriting
- Writing for different purposes including a story and poem.

In reading children will:

- Develop pleasure in reading, motivation to read, vocabulary and understanding.
- Discuss and clarify the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary
- Discuss the sequence of events in books to support writing our recounts

In **phonics** children will continue to focus and recap set 2 and 3 phonics sounds using RW1 (Read Write, inc) applying this to their reading and spelling.

The children will receive weekly Spellings and will be tested on these every Friday.

Math's

Every day the children will practice their number fluency through Number Ninjas followed by a short weekly arithmetic quiz on a Friday.

Within Math's the children will be learning

- Representing numbers to 100 using the part whole model
- Counting in 2's 3's 5's and 10's
- Missing numbers
- Fact families
- Number Bonds to 100



Please continue to work on your times tables using your TTRS log ins.

Science

We will be learning about Animals including humans focusing on what animals need to survive, how they change as they grow up and the importance of healthy living.

History

The focus topic this half term is Kings and Queens the children will learn about the history of the Monarchy and the significant roles each Monarch has played.

Art

We will be practicing our drawing skills focusing on shape, space, line as well as using oil pastels to create self and royal portraits.

Computing

We will be continuing our Purple Mash scheme of work starting with E-safety and searching the internet.



Music

Music lessons will be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub and linked closely to our fairytale learning.

PE

We will be practicing our tag Rugby skills with Miss Greenland. Our PE day will be Tuesdays and Fridays please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit.

As the weather begins to turn in the Autumn term, we politely request that your child brings a pair of wellies to keep in school. Please continue to bring your child's bookbag (containing their reading book and record), water bottle (with fresh **water** daily), a lunch box if required and a warm, waterproof coat every day. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you 😊