



Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Spring Term 1 Newsletter



Europe Class Year 3



Let our light shine! Happy New Year !

Welcome back everyone, myself and Mrs Rowling hope you have had a fantastic Christmas Holidays and look forward to hearing all about it !

We have another jam packed half term with lots of exciting learning.
As always please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any queries.



This half term's learning:
This half term our topic theme is Europe.

We will be linking our learning over the next term to Europe—specifically the country Italy. The children will learn about this country in their Geography lessons.

The children will also make pizza's, us this to write instructions and learn about an Italian Artist.

English

We will be focusing on various different genres in writing through out the year but this half term we will focus mainly on:

Play scripts, Narratives—in the form of a fable and Instructional letters.
The children will begin by looking at Aesop's fables before turning one into a play. Then look at Lemony Snicket's " The dark" using this to write a letter of advice to the character in the story.
We will then look at some non—fiction texts

- Children will be able to clearly describe characters or settings, show evidence of an effective plot, use paragraphs to clearly show different elements of the required narrative.
- Vary sentence structure by using more than one clause and a range of conjunctions to extend sentences: e.g. and/but/or/for/so, secure use of subordinating conjunctions - when/if/because/ although/before/since/while .
- Use a variety of sentence openers: express time, place and cause
- Use a variety of sentence openers: express time, place and cause using conjunctions (e.g. when, while, so, because), adverbs (e.g. today, next, soon, therefore), prepositions (e.g. before, after, during, in)
- Show simple cohesion within sentences using pronouns and proper nouns.
- Show consistent and correct use of tense throughout a piece of writing
- Use precise adjectives for description in noun phrases
- Use the present perfect form of verbs rather than simple past where appropriate to suit the genre of writing e.g. I have tried/I tried
- Use a or an correctly in front of a noun phrase
- Use the basic punctuation taught at KS1 mostly correctly: capital letters (for proper nouns and the pronoun I), full stops, question marks and exclamation marks, use commas to separate items in a list, use commas to demarcate adverbs at the beginning of sentences, use apostrophes to show omission or singular possession, use inverted commas to indicate direct speech



Spelling

- Spell many words with prefixes and suffixes correctly.
- Spell many of the y3/4 Common exception words.
- Spell common homophones correctly
- Begin to spell Y3/4 homophones correctly.



Presentation

There will be a big push on presentation of work this year with children being able to earn and receive their pen licence for joined up and well presented work.

- I can use the diagonal and horizontal strokes that are needed to join letters and understand which letters should be left un-joined
- At home encourage neatest handwriting when completing homework.

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

Math's

In maths we will be continue to focus on Multiplication and Division
Children will learn to use arrays and number lines to support solving calculations from the 2's 4's 8's times tables.
We will use counting sticks to support us to learn the multiplications fluently.

We will also be moving onto solving fractions of number. They will also find tenths, unit-fractions and non-unit fractions, and will begin to understand equivalent fractions.

Please continue to use TTRS at home as this will also support the learning of Times tables.



Science

We be will learning about Light and Shadows completing different scientific experiments and observations. They will also learn about the dangers of light.

Geography

The focus topic this half term is Europe, The children will learn all about the different human and physical features of the countries found in Europe as well as other important information about the countries.

Art/DT

We will be learning about the artist Giorgio Morandi (Italian artist) tonal shading and use the sketching of 3D objects focusing on Light and shadows linked to Science as well as making shadow puppets in DT.

Computing

We will be continuing our Purple Mash scheme of work this half term focusing on emails and safe usage.

French

We will be continuing to focus on the unit of Mon Class.

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.

As the weather will continue to be unpredictable we politely request that your child brings a pair of wellies and waterproof trousers for forest schools.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Our PE day will continue to be **Mondays and Wednesdays** please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit.

Forest schools will still be on **Friday**. With the weather beginning to turn ensure you child brings in their waterproofs on this day.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you