



Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Spring Term 2 Newsletter



Europe Class Year 3



Let our light shine!

Hello, I was really grateful to get the opportunity to meet so many of you face to face at the parents' evening last half term. I am really looking forward to working with Year 3 and helping them along their learning journey for the rest of the school year.

Mr Long



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 learn about an Italian food, culture, music and art.

Our class book will be one of my favorites, 'The Wreck of the Zanzibar' by Michael Morpurgo

English

We will be focusing on various different genres in writing through out the year but this half term we will focus mainly on: Poetry about the senses, non-chronological reports about Italy and persuasive writing. The writing features we will be working on throughout Year 3 are:

- 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 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 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.



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

Maths

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 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.

Finally we will be looking at measures: specifically length, perimeter, mass and capacity.

Please continue to use TTRS at home as this will also support the learning of Times tables every bit helps knowing that next year, nationally, all Year 4 children will sit multiplication check test.



Science

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

Geography

The focus topic this half term is Europe and we will be focusing on Italy. If you have any holiday snaps or postcards from Italy it would be great to add them to our working wall in the classroom.

Art/DT

We will be learning about the healthy eating and food preparation.

Computing

We will be learning how to touch type.

French

We will be continuing to focus on the unit of 'Mon Classe' practicing vocabulary from around the classroom.

Music

Music lessons will be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub.

PE

We will be in the pool working on our water safety and swimming strokes.

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

For this half term our PE will be the swimming slot on a Friday PM. Please pack the appropriate kit as discussed with the class at the end of last half term.

World Book day is on the 7th March. I'm looking forward to talking books and seeing all your great costumes. I like to wear an old PE T-shirt and decorate it with my favorite book characters.

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

Thank you