Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy
Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Oceania Class
Year One

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Welcome back! We hope you all had a relaxing break, got some fresh air & maybe saw some daffodils or snowdrops! Mr. Johnson and the Year One team are looking forward to another busy half term continuing to learn about our topics called, 'Amazing Animals' and 'Terrific Transport'.

Here are some of the things we will be learning about throughout this second half of the spring term...

Amazing Animals

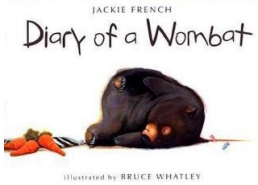
As we continue our topic about animals in Science this half term, we will be finding out what herbivores, carnivores and omnivores eat, discuss what makes a good and happy pet and about how owning an animal / pet is a big responsibility. To finish our topic on animals we will be looking at humans, the basic body parts and their functions.

English

Phonics: We will be revisiting our set 1, 2 and 3 sounds (from RWI: Read, Write, Inc), being 'digraph detectives' (looking for lots of the 'special friends' in words) & 'sound talking' like Fred the Frog. The children will continue to receive weekly spellings and will be quizzed on these every Friday!

Reading: We will all 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 remember to bring your bookbag everyday to ensure books get changed regularly – thank you!

Writing: We will be using the animal knowledge we have learned in Science to help us write clues for a 'What am I?' riddle. We will ask our friends and maybe even some other teachers in school if they can guess them! Then we will have a go at writing a vehicle fact-file.



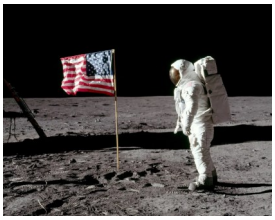
Key Texts: This half term, we will be reading the book, 'Diary of a Wombat' by Jackie French. We will be using this book to help us write a diary recount of our own. Of course, we will still be sharing picture books and fun stories at story time to continue to build up a love of reading.

Maths

Every day, the children will practice their number fluency through our questions in 'Flashback 4' and mastering number sessions. This half term will be busy continuing with place value within 50 then moving on to measuring length and height, weight and mass and finally volume and capacity.

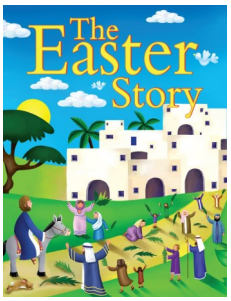
Remember to keep practicing your counting in twos, fives and tens and keeping those streaks going on Doodle Maths and the rest of Doodle Learning.

Terrific Transport



We will be continuing to learn about transport and travel for this second half of the spring term. We will be finding out how bicycles and air travel have changed since their invention and finishing off by learning all about how humans have travelled into space, 'the space race' and the moon landing.

Religious Education



This half term we will be answering another theological question: 'What does the cross mean to Christians?' To do this, we will listen to the Easter story, look at different types of cross / crucifix, design and make an Easter card with traditional, Christian Easter symbols of new life, make an Easter garden of our own and finally discuss why 'hope' is important to us and to Christians.

Music

Music lessons will continue to be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub – they sound so much fun!

Physical Education

PE will continue to be held on Mondays. We ask that children arrive in their appropriate PE kits!

As much of our learning takes place outdoors, we politely request that a pair of wellies and some waterproofs 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 warm, waterproof coat every day.

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