Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy
Spring 1 Newsletter

Africa Class
Year 2

Let our light shine!

Welcome back Year 2!
I hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas break. I can't wait to hear all about 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 we are going to be learning all about **Planet Earth**

The children will be exploring Planet Earth in Geography.
They will also be applying this knowledge in their Science when learning about different habitats.

English

We will begin this half term by exploring poetry. First, we will read and discuss *The Owl and the Pussy-cat*. We will then innovate the poem and perform our own versions.

After that, we will read *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* and create a new narrative based on the story.

In addition:
Children will also be able to:

- Use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- Use expanded noun phrases
- Use coordination
- Use subordination
- Use different sentence types

In **phonics,** children will continue to focus and recap sounds using RWI (Read Write, inc). Children will apply their phonics knowledge to their reading and spelling.
In **spelling**, we will be learning new spelling rules.

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

Maths

The children will practice their number fluency through Number Ninjas followed by a short weekly arithmetic quiz on a Friday.
Our learning focus will be on:

- Money
- Multiplication and division
- Answering problem solving and reasoning questions

Please continue to work on your times tables using your TTRS log ins.
Please also continue to use Doodle to support our learning in Maths and English.

Science

We be will learning about *Habitats*. We will explore how we know something is alive and where living things live.

RE

In RE we will investigate the question 'How do Christians belong to their faith family?'

Art

We will be exploring the work of Henri Rousseau, practicing and applying his skills to create our own artwork of animals in their habitats.

Computing

We will be learning about presenting data and information. Children will be creating pictograms.

Music

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

PSHE

We will be discussing the importance of communities, being a part of different groups and the importance of feeling included.

PE

We will enjoy dance lessons with Miss Greenland and Real PE activities with Miss King.
Our PE days will be Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit.

As the weather continues to stay cold, 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 books and reading 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.