Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy
Summer 2 Newsletter

Africa Class
Year 2

Let our light shine!

Welcome back, Year 2!

We hope you all had a well-deserved and enjoyable half term break.

A big thank you for your continued effort with reading and homework. We're very excited for another busy, fun and sunny half term ahead.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. I'm always happy to help and support in any way I can.

<u>This half term's learning:</u>

This half term we are learning all about

Life in Kenya

The children will be learning where Kenya is, what the climate is like, what it is like to live there and how similar and different it is to the UK.

<u>English</u>

Firstly, we will be focusing on *Meerkat Mail'*. We will be creating our own innovated journey stories.

We will then read *The Stinky Cheese Man* as inspiration to write our own innovations of the traditional tale *The Gingerbread Man*.

In addition, children will also be able to:

- Use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops
- Use a variety of punctuation
- Use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions
- Use apostrophes for contraction and possession
- Use tenses correctly and consistently

In **Phonics**, children will continue RWI (Read Write Inc). Children will apply their phonics knowledge to their reading and spelling.

<u>Children will receive weekly spellings and will be tested on these every Friday.</u>

<u>Maths</u>

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

Our learning focus will be on:

- Time
- Statistics
- Position and direction
- Consolidation of the 4 operations

Please continue to work on your times tables using your TTRS logins.

Please also continue to use Doodle to support our learning in Maths and English.

<u>Science</u>

We be will learning about plants and their growth. We will use this knowledge to plant and grow our own.

<u>RE</u>

In RE we will continue to investigate the question "Why do people have different views about the ideas of God? (Christianity, Islam and Humanism)"

<u>DT</u>

We will be investigating the structure of plant pots, designing and creating our own.

<u>Computing</u>

We will be programming animations using Scratch Junior.

<u>Music</u>

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

<u>PSHE</u>

We will be exploring safety in different environments and emergencies. We will also be learning about and naming different parts of the human body.

<u>PE</u>

We will be enjoying Athletics and Real PE.

Our PE days will be <u>Wednesdays and Fridays.</u> Please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit.

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