Thomas Bullock C of E Primary & Nursery Academy
Spring Term 1 Newsletter - 2026

Europe Class
Year 3

Let your light shine!

Happy new year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas?! We are really looking forward to another busy and exciting half-term with lots going on.

Homework will continue to be set on Doodle Learning as well as a weekly comprehension exercise and spellings. Please support and encourage your children to complete their weekly tasks.

PE days continue to be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** so remember to come to school wearing your PE kit. Sadly, it is likely the weather will remain chilly for a while yet, so please could you ensure children bring a coat each day and have a change of shoes (ideally wellies) so they can play on the field at break and lunch times if they wish.

Any queries please contact the school office and we will get back to you as soon as we can—thank you!

This Half Term's Learning

This half term's topic focus is Europe.
This means our topic focus this half term will be Geography.

English Learning Objectives:

This half term we will begin by reading, 'Aesop's Fables' and looking at the features of a fable. We will answer questions like, why do animals talk to each other? We will then write our own fables, creating talking animals and using speech in our writing. After this, we will focus on play scripts before writing our own and performing them to our class friends. Finally, as a class, we will be advising others through our writing, explaining how we can use instructions to help give someone advice.

Maths Learning Objectives:

In Maths we will begin by learning our 8 times table before using this to multiply and divide by 8. We will then move onto multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers. Towards the end of half term, our focus will be the introduction of fractions. We will finish by looking at strategies for tackling reasoning and problem-solving style questions. We will continue to practice times tables, as quick recall of these facts really helps in so many areas. We are brilliant as a class at using Doodle Learning at home, please continue as it has a big impact on learning in the classroom.

Other Curriculum Areas:

In **Geography**, we will be learning about the continent of Europe. We will begin by learning about what countries make up Europe before learning some of the landmarks in Europe. Finally, we will learn what it is like in Western Europe.

In **Science** we will be learning about light sources and whether they are all the same. Then, we will learn if light is dangerous and how to protect ourselves from it. In the later part of the half term we will focus on shadows and mirrors.

In **Computing** we will be learning about communication through emails - composing and downloading.

Our **DT** work will be focused on the work of, Freida Kahlo, who is famous for self-portraits, before creating our own, followed by evaluating them.

Music lessons continue to be run by the Norfolk Music Hub.

In **PE** our focus will be 'dance' and how to use our body in effective ways.