Thomas Bullock CE Primary & Nursery Academy
Summer Term 2 Newsletter

Europe Class
Year 3

Let Your light shine!

We hope you had a lovely half term?

We are really looking forward to the final half term before we break up for summer. Hopefully the sun comes back soon!

Homework will continue to be set on Doodle Learning as well as weekly spellings and comprehension questions. Please do support and encourage your children to complete the weekly exercises. Daily reading also significantly helps their progress.

PE days in Year Three will be on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Swimming will be on Wednesday and will start on the 10th of June. Please remember to wear your PE kit both days.

This half term's learning:

The Ancient Greeks!

This means our topic focus this half term will be History!

English

This half term we will read, 'Pandora's Box / Theseus and the Minotaur, Other Greek Myths and Legends'. After this, we will investigate the features of a myth before creating our own adventure stories which relate to ancient Greek myths.

The final unit of our half term is will include reading, 'A Lonely Planet's Guide to Greece', this will be inspiration for writing an informal guide to Greece! Within this report we will include persuasive language for readers to want to visit Greece.

Maths

In Maths we will complete our first unit of work on 'time' - understanding what the minute and hour hands means when pointing to certain numbers on the clock. Next, we will move onto the properties of shapes and drawing 3D and 2D shapes. The final unit will be consolidation - this will include; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Other curriculum areas:

In **history**, we will be learning about The Ancient Greeks. We will begin by learning where The Ancient Greeks were situated and how ancient Greece was organised. How did Athens and Sparta become powerful city-states? What was the Golden Age of Greece? And who was Alexander the Great?

In **science** we will learn about plants. The main focus will be about what a plant needs to grow and why a plant needs roots. Why do plants have leaves? What are the parts of a flower? What is the life cycle of a flowering plant?

In **computing** we will be learning about events and actions in programs. This will be our second unit on programming!

Our **design technology** focus will relate to The Ancient Greek theme - will create our own Greek pottery. The techniques to learn are kneading, moulding and pinching

In **religious education**, we will answer the question, 'What difference does being a Muslim make to daily life?' This will include looking inside a mosque and inside a Muslim family's house.

Notes

As the weather improves, please could you ensure children bring the correct clothing and have a change of shoes (e.g. wellies) so they can play on the field at break and lunch times should the weather take a turn.

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