Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy
Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Asia Class
Year 5

Let Your light shine!

Happy New Year and welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and managed to find some time to relax amidst all the busyness of the season.

Our value this half term is 'Creativity' and we will be focusing on this through assemblies, class discussions and daily school life.

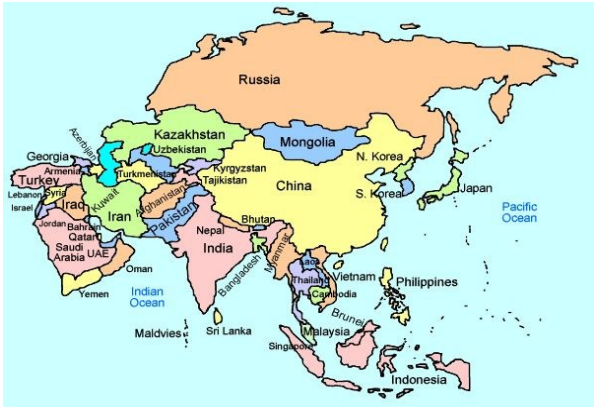
It is likely that the cold weather will continue so please ensure your child has their **hat, gloves, coat, and wellies** in school.

PE is on **Thursday** so please remember to come to school in your kit.

We are lucky to continue our **rotation of Forest Schools** this half term, which will be on **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school with suitable clothing and brings their wellies.
.If you have any questions, please contact the office, and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

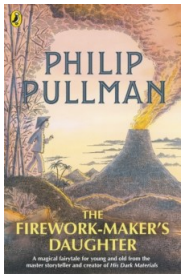
This half term's learning:

This term's topic is **Asia: Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Mountains!**
This means our topic focus this term will be **Geography.**



Homework will continue to be a weekly comprehension exercise, spellings and online Doodle learning.. Please do support and encourage your children to complete the weekly exercises.

English learning objectives:



In English, we will develop our narrative writing skills through *The Firework-Maker's Daughter* by Philip Pullman, creating our own quest narratives with well-developed characters. We will practise concise and descriptive language through haiku poetry and finish by writing clear, technical explanations using our geographical knowledge to explain how volcanoes are formed.

Maths learning objectives:

In Maths, we will be developing our knowledge of extended multiplication and division methods before moving on to learn more about fractions, so once again fast, accurate times table knowledge will be essential—keep making use of Times Tables Rockstars and Doodle Maths!
We will also be developing our problem solving and reasoning skills through a range of tasks, activities and games.

Other curriculum areas :

This half term we will be starting our new topic about Asia in which we will begin by learning about the key human and physical features and the significant borders of the continent. We will move on to look at tectonic plates and the formation of mountains.

In Science, we will be learning about the many different properties of materials and their associated uses.

In Computing we will be looking at data and information creating flat file databases.

Our art work will link to our geography topic and will focus on the Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai, studying his famous piece *The Great Wave. .'*

Our RE this term has a philosophical focus as we consider what we can learn about the world, knowledge and the meaning life from the teachings of the great philosophers.