Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy
Spring Term 2 Newsletter

Asia Class
Year 5

Let Your light shine!

We hope your children had time to rest over the half term and are feeling fully recharged for the weeks ahead. With World Book Day and Asian cookery coming up, it looks set to be an exciting half term.

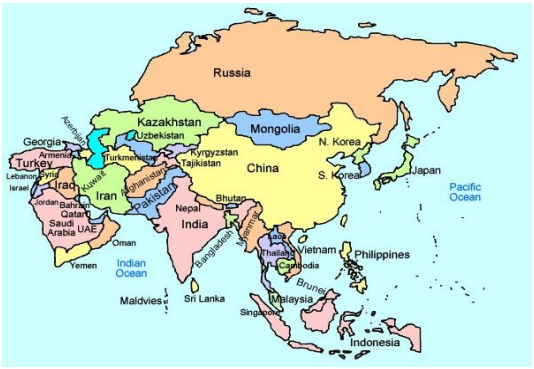
Please make sure your child continues to bring a coat and wellies to school every day as the weather can still be unpredictable at this time of year.

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting and encouraging their child to practise spellings, log into Doodle Learning and read regularly — it really does make a huge difference.

PE and Forest School will continue to take place on Thursdays so please remember to send your child to school in appropriate clothing..

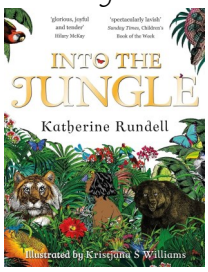
This half term's learning:

This half term's topic continues to be **Asia!** This means our topic focus this half term will be **Geography.**



English learning objectives:

We will explore the backstories of 'Bagheera' and 'Raksha', characters from, '*The Jungle Book*', through our study of Katherine Rundell's captivating book, '*Into the Jungle*'.



Using what we have learned, we will write effective character descriptions and then innovate the structure of the story to create our own contemporary versions that include dialogue.

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Maths learning objectives:

We will use our knowledge of multiplication facts to develop both mental and formal written methods for division. Once this is secure, we will apply these skills to solve word problems involving multiplication and division. We will then build on our strong foundations in fractions to explore how to calculate with them and how to find fractions of amounts using pictorial and abstract methods. Finally, we will begin to explore the equivalence between decimals and fractions.

We will also be carrying on with our weekly arithmetic tests and making regular use of Doodle learning.

Other curriculum areas:

This half term, we will continue our topic on Asia. We will explore volcanoes and earthquakes in the region, learning how and why they occur and investigate what it is like to live in areas affected by these natural hazards.

In Science, we will continue to develop our understanding of the different properties of materials and their uses. We will learn about dissolving, reversible and irreversible changes and how new materials are created.

In Computing, we will learn how to create vector drawings. We will use our precision skills to manipulate shapes, layer them and create detailed pictures.

In DT, we will link our work to our Geography topic, focusing on Asian cuisine. We will research and make breads that originate from Asia.

As part of our PSHE work, we will explore how the media and other online content can promote stereotypes and create unrealistic expectations.