Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy
Summer Term 2 Newsletter

Asia Class
Year 5

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a relaxing half term. We can't believe we are about to enter the final half term of this school year! With the warm weather arriving, please ensure that your child has sun cream, a hat and a water bottle, where necessary.

This half term, we are looking forward to visiting the Royal Norfolk Show, Sports Day and some exciting final topics.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries, please contact the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

This half term's learning:

Baghdad & The Middle East - The Golden Age

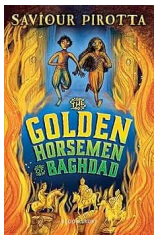
This means our topic focus this term will be History.

Homework will continue to be learning weekly spellings and online Doodle learning. Please do support and encourage your children to complete these exercises.

English learning objectives:

This half term, we will begin by learning about persuasive writing. Children will explore the features and techniques used in persuasive texts before writing formal persuasive letters to Mrs O'Sullivan about a subject of their choice.

We will then read The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad and use the text as inspiration for writing portal stories set in a location of their choice in ancient Baghdad.



Towards the end of the half term, we will focus on debating skills and writing balanced arguments about important issues. Alongside this, we will continue our daily reading and grammar sessions, as well as our weekly spelling tests.

Maths learning objectives:

We will begin by recapping decimals and learning how to add and subtract decimals accurately. We will then move on to negative numbers, converting units of measurement, shape and angles.

Throughout the half term, we will continue our daily mental arithmetic sessions through Number Ninjas and revisit any areas that the children have found challenging to ensure they are fully prepared for Year 6.

Students should continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars and Doodle-Maths to practise quick multiplication and division skills. We will also develop problem-solving and reasoning skills through a range of engaging tasks, activities and games.

Other curriculum areas :

This half term, our **History** topic will focus on Baghdad and the Middle East. We will look at how Baghdad was built, the Golden Age of Islam, developments in maths and science, and compare it to London during the same period of time.

Science lessons will centre around how humans change during their lives. We will look at how babies develop, the physical and emotional changes that occur during puberty, and the ageing process.

In **Computing**, students will complete a programming unit, creating games using Scratch software.

Our **Art** topic this half term will be linked to our History focus, and we will be learning about the Islamic artist Zarah Hussain, who uses a mixture of digital design and hand drawing to create intricate geometric designs.

In **Religious Education (RE)**, we will be exploring the question, 'How do Hindus make sense of the world?'

Discussions in **PSHE** will centre around personal identity and positive and negative risk-taking.