



Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy

Spring Term 1 Newsletter



Europe Class Year 3



Let Your light shine!

We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a happy new year!

We are really looking forward to another busy and exciting half-term with lots happening as we welcome the new year upon us.

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

PE days in Year 3 continue to be on a Wednesday and Friday so remember to wear your PE kit.

The weather is becoming colder 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.

This half term's learning:

This half term's topic 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- 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 - how can we 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. Please do 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 History 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 her self- portraits. We will then be creating our own before evaluating them.

In PE our focus will be Dance and how to use our body in effective ways.