# Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy
# Autumn Term 1 Newsletter

## Africa Class
## Year 2

**Let our light shine!**

**Welcome back!**

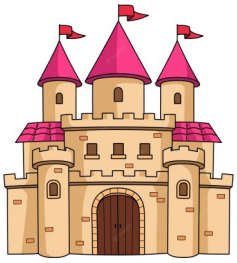
We hope you've had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year ahead. We can't wait to share an exciting year with Africa Class and begin some fantastic learning!

Please feel free to contact me via the school office if you have any questions or concerns about your child. I am always happy to help and support in any way that I can.

This half term's learning:

This half term our topic theme is called "Kings and Queens"

The children will be exploring Kings and Queens in their History lessons along side the poems "If I Were King" and "If I Were Queen" as part of their English unit where they will work towards creating their own poem.



**English**

We will begin this half term by reading 'If I Were a Giant' and children will create their own 'If I Were a...' poems.

Children will also be able to:

- Use adjectives in a sentence to describe
- Use expanded noun phrases
- Use the conjunctions– because, and
- Use the past tense (suffix –ed)
- Know the different word classes
- Use commas in a list

Children will develop positive attitudes towards and stamina for writing by:

- Daily handwriting sessions to develop our joined handwriting
- Writing for different purposes including a story and poem

**Phonics**

Children will recap their sounds using RWI (Read Write Inc.) and apply this to their reading and spelling.

**The children will receive weekly spellings and will be tested on these every Friday.**

**Maths**

Every day the children will practice their number fluency through Number Ninjas followed by a weekly arithmetic quiz on a Friday.
The children will be learning:

- Representing numbers to 100 using the part whole model
- Counting in 2's 3's 5's and 10's
- Missing numbers
- Fact families
- Number Bonds to 100

**Please continue to work on your times tables using your TTRS log ins. Please also continue to use Doodle to support our learning in Maths and English.**

**Science**

We be will learning about animals including humans. We will be focusing on what animals need to survive, how they change as they grow up and the importance of healthy living.

**History**

The focus topic this half term is Kings and Queens. The children will learn about the history of the monarchy and the significant roles each monarch has played.

**Design Technology**

We will be designing and constructing crowns fit for Kings and Queens.

**Computing**

We will be beginning our Teach Computing scheme of work, starting with E-safety and computing networks.

**Music**

Music lessons will be provided by the Norfolk Music Hub and linked closely to our learning.

**PE**

We will be practicing our tag Rugby skills with Miss Greenland.
**Our PE days will be Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit on PE days.**

As the weather begins to turn in the autumn term, we politely request that your child brings a pair of wellies to keep in school. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for all weathers in school. Please continue to bring your child's bookbag (containing their reading book and record), water bottle (with fresh water daily), a lunch box if required and a warm, waterproof coat every day. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you!