Thomas Bullock CE Primary and Nursery Academy
Spring 2 Newsletter

Africa Class
Year 2

Let your light shine!

Welcome back, Year 2

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break. We can't wait to see all the fantastic learning you've been doing over half-term. We're really looking forward to another busy and exciting half term ahead.

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 we are continuing to learn all about
Planet Earth

The children will be exploring Planet Earth in Geography.
They will also be applying this knowledge in their Science when learning about different habitats.

We are very excited to have an 'Amazing Africa' and 'Map Skills and Mini Orienteering' session on Thursday 26th March.

English
We will be focusing on Fantastic Mr. Fox by Roald Dahl.

Firstly, we will use the text to create character descriptions. Then, we will use the text to create a non-fiction explanation text about food chains.

In addition, children will also be able to:

- Form coherent sentences
- Use a range of punctuation
- Use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions
- Use different sentence types

In **phonics**, children will continue to focus and recap sounds using RWI (Read Write, inc). Children will apply their phonics knowledge to their reading and spelling.
In **spelling**, we will be learning new spelling rules.

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

Maths
The children will practice their number fluency through Number Ninjas followed by a short weekly arithmetic quiz on a Friday.

Our learning focus will be on:

- Fractions
- Length and height
- Answering problem solving and reasoning questions

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 will be investigating food chains and exploring habitats.

RE
We will investigate the question "How do Jews celebrate Passover (Pesach)?"

Design and Technology
We will be creating finger puppets.

Computing
We will be using a laptop to create music. They will listen to a variety of pieces of music, look at patterns and purposefully create music.

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

PSHE
We will be exploring what the internet is, how it can help us and how to use it safely. Additionally, we will understand what money is, where it comes from and how we can look after it.

PE
We will be enjoying tennis and Real PE.
Our PE days will be Wednesdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kit.

As the weather continues to stay cold, we politely request that your child brings a pair of wellies to keep in school. Please continue to bring your child's bookbag (containing their reading books and reading 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.