

Elder Class – Britain from the Air (Autumn 2, 2022)

English

Elder class are starting the half term looking at adventure stories. Our text is Fowler's Yard. We will spend time learning this text using a story map and actions. The children will adapt the text to write their own adapted version of Fowler's Yard before independently writing their own adventure story.

Our grammar focus this half term will include using prepositions and adverbs to express time, place and cause. We will also look at writing in the past, present and future tense.

Later in the half term, we will write a set of instructions linked to the story Wild (Emily Hughes). We will end the half term by learning about limericks and writing our own.

Our guided reading text this term is The Iron Man (Ted Hughes).

Maths

We will start the term continuing our addition and subtraction topic by moving on to adding and subtracting numbers crossing 10 and 100. We will then look at using estimation and inverse calculations to check our answers.

We will then move our focus to multiplication and division. We will recap the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and then learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will end the term practicing multiplying a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number using the column method.

Supporting learning at home

Finding time to read with your child for just a few minutes each day will be hugely beneficial in developing their love of reading and their understanding of texts.

Spelling tests will take place on Friday each week. Children will be given spelling sheets on Monday each week to take home and practice.

PE

PE will take place every Monday afternoon and Friday afternoon so children will need their PE kits in school on these days. Friday's PE sessions are planned to take place outside so please ensure your child has a jumper. Our lessons will focus on gymnastics and practicing jumping and balancing.

Spanish

We will be focussing on Animals in Spanish this half term.

Music

Year 3 will be playing the Glockenspiel in Music.

RE

This half term we will be focussing on Christianity in RE. We will be investigating the question "Has Christmas lost its true meaning?"

Computing

In Computing, Year 3 will be learning about spreadsheets and practicing their typing skills.

Science - Can you see shadows from the sky?

In Science this half term we will be learning about light and shadows. We will consider how shadows are made and what causes a shadow to change size. We will also learn about how light enables us to see and reflection of light from mirrors.

Geography – What would you see on a plane trip around the UK?

In Geography, we will be focussing on the countries and cities of the UK. We will learn about the different geographical features found in the UK, including mountains and rivers. We will also consider land use and how this has changed over time, particularly focussing on land use in Cambridge.

Art – Are the best buildings in England?

We are looking at buildings and architecture in Art this half term, particularly focussing on famous buildings in London. We will be focussing on our sculpting skills. At the end of term, each child will make their own building sculpture inspired by a real building and from these we will create group cityscapes.