

Elder Class – Grow with the Flow (Autumn 1, 2022)

English

In English this half term, Elder Class will start by looking at Tidy (Emily Gravett) and then will move onto The Tin Forest (Helen Ward). We will end the half term by creating our own shape poems.

In guided reading, we will be reading Leaf (Sandra Dieckmann). Later in the half term, we will read The Elephant's Garden (Jane Ray).

Our grammar focus this half term will include word classes and sentence structure.

Maths

In Maths, we will start the half term focussing on securing place value knowledge for numbers up to 1000. Later in the half term, we will move onto addition and subtraction, including using formal methods to add and subtract 3-digit numbers.

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. Reading diaries should be brought into school each day and I will check the comments every Thursday.

Spelling and times table tests will take place on Friday each week. Children will be given spelling sheets and a set of times tables on Monday each week to take home and practice.

Feel free to contact me with any queries on Elderclass@chestertonprimary.org. You can also find class updates on our twitter page at @CPSElder.

Science – What is the most important part of a flower?

Across our Science lessons we will be looking at the functions of different parts of flowering plants as well as the life cycle of plants. Additionally, we will explore the requirements for plant life through growing our own plants.

Geography – Do river features affect the flow speed?

In Geography we will be focussing on the features of rivers and how this affects the speed the river flows. We are hoping to complete fieldwork on the River Lark at the Prickwillow Museum, and then make comparisons with the River Cam.

Art – Which artist painted water the best?

This half term we will be focussing on our painting skills and experimenting with different styles of painting. We will look at how Monet and Hockney represent water in their work and consider who painted flowers the best.

PE

PE will take place every Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Monday's session will take place inside and Wednesday's outside. Children will need to bring their PE kit into school, including sensible shoes. Earrings also need to be removed for PE lessons.

Spanish

We will begin learning Spanish this half term, starting with Spanish greetings.

Music

In music we will be learning and performing *Let Your Spirits Fly*.

RE

This half term we will be focussing on Sikhism in RE. We will be investigating the question "*Does joining the Khalsa make a person a better Sikh?*"

Computing

In Computing, Year 3 will be learning about coding and online safety.

PSHE

We will be focussing on beginning and belonging this half term.