

ELM CLASS NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 1

Half term topic – **Home Sweet Home... but was it always so sweet?**



We are very excited to be welcoming such a lovely group of children into Elm class this year. We will both be aiding Elm Class with their fun and learning this year. We will communicate with parents mainly through the use of Class Dojo but will also be available to email parents where necessary.

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Our curriculum for this half-term is as follows:

English: We will be looking at a novel called 'Letters From The Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. The children will work towards writing a non-fiction text which will be in the form of a recount. In lessons we will be exploring different language techniques both in the chosen text and our own writing. The book is set in WW2 which links to the history topic this term.

We will also have weekly grammar, handwriting and reading sessions to further support the children's literacy skills. Children will be given a reading book and a reading diary to take home. These will come into school every day and can be changed when needed. If the children would like to bring in a book from home that they are enjoying this is also ok.

Maths: We will begin by looking at place value, recapping and building on our previous learning. We will then move on to looking at addition, subtraction, multiplication and division in depth. All learning is linked to the real-world for the children as we aim to teach maths with a practical approach that links to problems the children will come across in their lives.

Science: Our Science topic is 'Healthy Humans' which focuses on how the circulatory system and how we can keep our bodies healthy and safe.

PE: PE will take place on a **Tuesday and Thursday** afternoon. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on both of these days. PE clothes will be red t-shirt, PE hoodie or school sweatshirt/cardigan and black shorts, leggings or joggers and pumps or trainers.

RE: Our focus this term will be on 'Life as a Journey'. During our lessons we will look at how having faith impacts our lives. We will also look at our life journeys so far and think about our future aspirations.

PSHE: In PSHE we will be looking at 'Me and My Relationships'. We will be looking at what makes a good friend as well as exploring self-esteem and friendship issues. The children will also be visited by CORAM for a session regarding puberty, relationships and sex education.

HISTORY: We will be learning all about WW2 and its impact on Great Britain this half term. We will be looking at how our local area was affected and also hearing about the many children that got evacuated here.

ART: In art we will be looking at portrait. We will be exploring different pencil types, different shading techniques and different portrait artists.

MUSIC: We will be learning about music and technology. The children will get the opportunity to play, improvise and compose music as well as identify the differences between live music and music that has been created using technology.

SPANISH: We will be learning how to describe characters and monsters developing adjective use and different names for different facial features and parts of the body.

Expectations:

- No equipment brought into school (e.g. pencil cases/school bags) as all equipment will be provided.
- PE kits must be worn to school on a Tuesday and Thursday with appropriate footwear (e.g. trainers) no additional clothing should be brought into school.
- Read at home and bring reading book to school each day.
- Completing homework tasks in homework book-this will be celebrated at the end of each half-term in our 'homework share'.
- Having a good attitude towards work.
- Showing positive behaviour choices which follow our core Christian values.
- Being prepared to have a go and not give up!

Kind regards,

Mrs Simpson and Mrs Oxley