**ELM CLASS NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 1**

Spr already… time flies when you’re having fun! As we continue through Spring in year 6 we start to really focus on preparing for SATs. There will be lots of intervention groups that focus on building confidence and familiarising the children with SATs style questions. Spring term is all about learning in year 6 and requires lots of energy, focus and hard work! My aim is to ensure all of the children feel as comfortable and confident as possible when we get to their SATs week. The class will continue to be taught by Mrs Simpson and supported by Mrs Lewis. Mr Wells will work with Elm class on Monday afternoons.

I will communicate with parents mainly through the use of Class Dojo but will also be available to email parents where necessary. vriding@fleetwoods.lancs.sch.uk

*Our curriculum for this half-term is as follows:*

**English and Maths:** This half term we will be revisiting and revising all of our learning so far in preparation for SATs. The children may work in small groups at times to help support them in areas they are finding tricky. We will be focusing on arithmetic, reasoning, grammar, reading and spelling. This will help them build up their speed and accuracy with a range of calculations.

**Science:** This half term we will be learning about light. We will explore the way light behaves, including light resources, reflection and shadows. We will also learn how the eye works as well as looking closely at rainbows, prisms and light bending in water.

**Computing:** children will research different blogs, their purpose and what makes them successful. They will then plan and create their own blogs. They will also be given the opportunity to contribute to collaborate blogs while focusing on online safety and being appropriate online.

**PE:** PE will take place on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit and school jumper 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 (no PE bags can be brought into school). Our PE focus’ will be athletics and outdoor adventurous activities.

**Swimming:** On Wednesday afternoons group of children will be going swimming instead of doing our in-school PE lesson. These children have been contacted by Mrs Gladwin on dojo. Please ensure children bring their swimming kit to school with them.

**RE:** In RE we are going to be thinking about the key questions ‘Who is Jesus?’ and ‘Who was Jesus?’ We will think about these questions from our own viewpoint as well as from others viewpoints. We will also consider how this question would have been answered in the past as well as now.

**PSHE:** In PSHE we will be looking at rights and responsibilities. We will look at how the media reports stories and how reliable they are. We will also look at money management and the role of taxes. We will finally look at democracy and how this is evident in Britain.

**Spanish:** We are going to be learning how to talk about the weather. We will be learning how to report the weather as well as ask about it. The children will have the opportunity to write their own weather report in Spanish that can be presented in the style of a TV weather forecast.

**History:** Children will explore who the Maya people were, when and where in the world they lived and the reasons why they were so successful, particularly in the Classic period. They will discover how we know about the Maya people, their beliefs and the hierarchy system that was in place in society and the important inventions that they made. We will make comparison between the Ancient Maya Civilisation and Anglo-Saxon Britain, with a focus on the similarities and differences between the Maya City States and the Anglo-Saxon Kingdoms.

*Expectations:*

· No equipment brought into school (e.g. pencil cases) as all equipment will be provided.

· PE kits must be worn to school on a Tuesday with appropriate footwear (e.g. trainers) no additional clothing can be brought into school.

· Read at home and bring reading book to school on Fridays.

· Completing homework tasks in homework book.

· Having a good attitude towards work.

· Showing good behaviour which follows our core Christian values.

· Being prepared to have a go and not give up.

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| **Wednesday** | Swimming/PE |
| **Thursday** |   |
| **Friday** | PEBring in reading books and homework books |

**General Timetable**

Kind regards,

**Mrs Simpson**