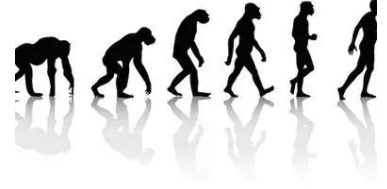




## **Elm class Autumn 2 Newsletter**



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

**English:** We will be looking at narrative poetry which links to our science topic of evolution.

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 diary to take home. These will come into school every day and can be changed when needed. If the child would like to bring in a book from home that they are enjoying this is also okay. As well as this, children have access to Spelling Shed which I will set assignments on for them to complete at home.

**Maths:** We will begin by looking at addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions. We will then think about how to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions as well as calculating fractions of amounts. 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 'Evolution and Adaptation'. In this unit, we will look at how different animals have adapted and why. We will also look at the Theory of Evolution and hereditary features in human beings.

**PE:** PE will take place on Thursday afternoons and our topic this half-term is gymnastics. Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit and school jumper. PE clothes will be a red t-shirt, PE hoodie or school sweatshirt/cardigan and plain black shorts, leggings or joggers. Pumps or trainers are to be worn.

**RE:** This half-term we will be learning about Advent; understanding the meaning of Advent and the symbolism used during these times.

**PSHE:** In PSHE we will be looking at 'Valuing Differences', exploring the terms respect and tolerance as well as challenging gender stereotypes. This unit will also link to our computing unit of 'Online Safety'.

**Geography:** We will be learning all about rivers in geography this half-term. We will begin by recapping the water cycle and then move on to learning the key features, functions and problems of rivers.

**DT:** In DT we will be researching, designing, building and evaluating our own model bridges. We will be using wood to build our bridges and will learn how to safely and effectively use equipment such as hammers, saws and vices.

**Computing:** We will be learning about online safety in computing; focusing on how to be responsible and respectful online.

**Expectations:**

- No equipment to be brought into school as all equipment will be provided.
- PE kits must be worn to school on a Thursday with appropriate footwear; no additional clothing can be brought into school.
- Read at home and bring reading books and diaries to school each day.
- 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.

Kind regards,

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