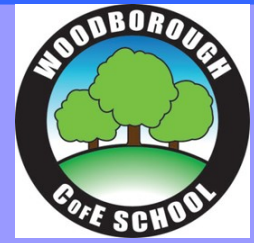


# Elm Class Term 5 Newsletter

April 2015



Dear Parents and children,

Welcome back after what I hope has been a lovely Easter Holiday! This newsletter gives you some details of what we will be doing this busy term.

Our topic is science based and will cover Living Things and their Habitats as well as Animals, including humans. We will be looking at our various local habitats; seeing how they change over time and how they are affected by natural and human changes.

In English we will finish our work on persuasive texts and then start by "Taking One Book,"-Tuesday, by David Wiesner. We will then go on to read an Explanation text, How Machines Work by Roger McGough, which we will use to write our own explanation of a new invention we will design. We will finish off the term by considering different sides of an argument, deciding on a course of action and summarising our reasons in a letter.

Our foci in English will be: collecting and using ambitious vocabulary in our writing; using more sophisticated connectives (although, however, despite, nevertheless), trying to vary the start of sentences, including additional phrases, as well as using paragraphs. Phew! Lots to remember!

In maths our topics include ordering and comparing 4 and 5-digit numbers; negative numbers; decimal numbers (tenths and hundredths); Roman numerals; comparing and classifying shapes; area and perimeter.

This term our foci will continue to be knowing our times tables and related division facts; applying what we know to larger numbers and solving one and two-step word problems using all four operations.

Our RE work this term asks the question, "How important is sharing to Sikhs?" We will be looking at Sikh beliefs, Baisakhi, which, this year falls on Tuesday 14th April, and Divali festivals; the Sikh Holy Book and the Langar meal. We will finish the unit with a group sharing activity and asking, "how can I share in my life?"

Our PSHE work this term is linked to our topic and will cover things like the structure and care of teeth; tooth decay; as well as e-safety and being safe outdoors.

Art will also be linked to our topic and we will be combining with Cherry class working on a joint project, both in school and on a trip to the Wiltshire Wildlife Visitor Centre near Cirencester, where we will be carrying out field-work activities. Further details of this will follow shortly.

Homework is shown in the table below; the only change is new spellings will be given out on Mondays and spelling tests done then too. Homework is given to complement the work done in class and should be completed and handed in on time. Children are expected to read at least three times a week and Homework diaries should be used to record this with the date, comments and initials when they have been heard read by an adult. Success stamps are given out on Fridays for reading if diaries have been signed accordingly. Our reading challenge will begin again this term with a new set of author collection books. Hopefully, lots of Elm Class children will take up this challenge and read lots! It is also important to continue times tables practice as the Multiplication Challenge will be attempted again at the end of this term.

If you have any concerns about your child and what they are working on in Elm Class, then please do get in touch with me so that any issues can be dealt with immediately.

Finally, if anyone wishes to help in class this term, either on a regular basis, or whenever a time suits, please speak to me. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Reid

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Read 3 x each week</p> <p><b>New Spellings given out;</b></p> <p><b>Spelling test</b></p> <p><b>Any Topic work set to be handed in.</b></p> <p><b>P.E kit needed</b></p>	<p><b>P.E kit needed</b></p>	<p><b>Maths homework to be handed in.</b></p>	<p><b>English homework to be handed in.</b></p>	<p><b>Maths and English homework handed out;</b></p> <p>Topic work set occasionally</p>

## Monday

Spelling Test and new spellings given out.

PE Kit needed.

## Tuesday

PE kit needed.

## Wednesday

Maths homework due in.

## Thursday

English homework due in.

## Friday

Homework given out.

Homework diaries checked and signed.

Success stamps awarded for reading 3 times.

Please note that reading books and homework diaries are needed in school everyday.