



# ELM CLASS

Spring Terms 3 and 4 Newsletter 2020

Welcome to the Spring Terms. I hope everyone has had a lovely Christmas break and enjoyed the time off. It has been great to get to know everyone last term and I look forward to working again with Year 4 this term.

Our topic focus for the first term will be History - looking at The Mayan civilization. The children will learn about the history and culture of the Maya, including their beliefs, number and letter systems and unique calendar. After half term our emphasis will move to Geography - looking at life in the Mediterranean.

In Art work, we'll be looking at lots of examples of Mayan art, including paintings, symbols and ceremonial masks. In RE, Elm class will be learning about The Incarnation and consider if Jesus was the Messiah.

Our PE days will normally be Mondays and Tuesdays this term. Outside, Elm class will be improving their hockey skills, weather permitting. We'll also be working on our gymnastic and movement skills using the hall.

In our English work, we'll be looking at explanation texts and play scripts and trying to ensure we apply all of our year group expectations to each piece of writing. Spelling lessons will continue to be on Mondays and grouped across the Key stage. Occasionally, Elm Class will also have class spelling lessons from the Year Group spelling expectations.

In Maths, we'll be busy working on mental and written addition and subtraction strategies, multiplication and division, length and capacity, fractions and shapes. Throughout these areas we'll be improving our reasoning and problem solving skills. Please encourage children to use Times Table Rockstars at home to improve knowledge and fluency with Times Tables. This has a direct impact on attainment across all areas of the Maths curriculum. We will be focusing on our Times Table on Wednesdays. This term we will focus on the 6, 7, 9 and 11 times table.

Parents Evenings are scheduled for week 3 in Term 3 but if you have any concerns before then, don't hesitate to contact me.

## Homework

Reading 5 times a week.  
Record pages read and sign. We check homework diaries every Friday and 5 signatures will result in a success stamp.

## Spelling Homework

Given each Monday to be returned the following week. Practice spellings each night. Weekly test.

## Times tables

Choice of weekly activities on TT Rock Stars.

## Topic-based project

Our topic for Term 3 is about the Mayan civilization. Please choose a project from the Homework Bingo grid and return by the last week of term.

The Spring Term is always a busy one - please read the school weekly newsletter to keep abreast of all the dates and timings.