



Elm Class Newsletter

-Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely summer and managed to take a well-deserved break.

Please feel free to contact me at any time during this academic year if you have queries or concerns I can help with.

This newsletter will explain the plans for Elm Class over the Autumn Term.

Curriculum

We are starting off Term 1 with a very interesting topic of 'International Trade (food and natural resources) and Climate Change'. Followed by delving deep into the history of the Ancient Egyptians.

English

Our first English unit will be based on an amazing book called 'Here We Are' and will fuel lots of descriptive writing. English and Maths will be taught every day in accordance with the National Curriculum.

Maths

We will start the term with number and place value and we will have a strong focus on our times tables. As Year 4 will be taking the Multiplication Tables Check later in the year, times tables will be a priority and we will be practising this daily in class. In addition, the children should be **learning times tables and related division facts continually** at home as they work towards improving their results in our termly Multiplication Awards. Times Table Rock Stars is a great resource to aid

with this - children will be completing mini tournaments and battles within the classroom, as well as practising independently at home. We will also be diving into all of the four operations and tackling some problem solving.

On Wednesdays, children will be practising their football skills, including dribbling, passing, attack and defence and some great teamwork activities. On Thursdays the children will be being taking part in a mixture of indoor activities, these include: yoga, circuit training and PE games. Please ensure that children have appropriate PE kit on these days-especially trainers. As the weather changes, children will require coats, jumpers, tracksuit bottoms and suitable footwear for the field.

Our first RE unit this Term is Christianity and we will be looking at the question 'What is it like to follow God?'

Please follow @w_woodborough and MissP_Smith on Twitter for additional events and updates. Our class blog will also be up and running again soon!

Homework

Information about homework will follow in the next few weeks. Children should continue to read and fill out their homework diaries, this should be signed by an adult at the end of the week. It is still important in Year 4 that children read alongside adults so they can improve their fluency and

confidence. It will also allow the children to discuss the content of their books in more detail during tasks such as whole class reading. We will be focusing on our inference skills (reading between the lines) and retrieving information.

Weekly spelling lessons are due to take place on a Monday in class, with homework tasks and spelling tests the following Monday. More information to follow.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Many thanks
Yours sincerely,
Miss Papworth-Smith

Key Dates for Elm Class

Monday - Spelling Test and Lesson - Purple Book needed.

Wednesday - PE lesson

Thursday - PE lesson

Friday - Diaries checked for success

stamps. (Children should be filling this out with a parent's signature at the end of the week)

* Books and diaries needed in school every day please.