



# ELM CLASS NEWSLETTER -AUTUMN TERM 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope you've all enjoyed the summer holidays and had a well-deserved break.

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

## Curriculum

We are starting off Term 1 with the exploration of Ancient Greece and Animals including Humans. This will be followed by Climate, Weather and Sound in Term 2. If you have any resources which link to these topics and you would be willing to send them in for the class to look at, please let me know.

## English

Our first English unit will be focusing on famous Greek myths. We will be writing a narrative based on Theseus and the Minotaur.

Weekly spelling lessons will still take place with a focus on recapping spellings little and often in daily activities. **No spelling homework will be set this year**, spelling will still be embedded in daily practice and taught following the guidance of the National Curriculum-**more information to follow**. Our class books this Term will be 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear', followed by 'The Train to Impossible Places' in Term 2.

## Maths

We will start the term with number and place value and we will have a strong times table focus throughout the year. As Year 4 will be taking the Multiplication Tables Check in the Summer Term, times tables are a priority and we will be practising these daily in class. In addition, children should also 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 in a great resource to aid this as well as writing them out by hand. They will be competing in mini tournaments and battles within the classroom, as well as practising independently at home. We will also be focusing on our arithmetic skills, practising the four operations, geometry and time.

On Mondays, children will start Term 1 by taking part in a Greek inspired dance. Focusing on their balance, rhythm, controlling their movements and following a routine. On Fridays, children will be practicing their football skills, including dribbling, passing attacking and defence with some great teamwork activities. 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 was is like to follow God?'. We will be exploring key Bible stories throughout the term to aid us in answering our unit question..

Please follow [@w\\_woodborough](#) and [@MissP\\_Smith](#) on Twitter for additional events and updates.

## Homework

Children will be set English and Maths homework **weekly** on **Thursdays** and this will be marked in class. Children should continue to read at least 5 times a week and an adult should fill out their homework diaries daily and sign it at the end of each week. It is still important in Year 4 that children read alongside adults so they can improve their fluency and understanding of a text. This will allow the children to discuss the content of their books in more detail during tasks such as Whole Class Reading and gain more confidence. We will be focusing on inference skills (reading between the lines) and retrieving information.

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

Here is the class email address:

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Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Papworth-Smith

## Key information for Elm Class

**Monday**-P.E. lesson

**Friday**-P.E. lesson

**Friday**-Homework diaries checked and success stamps given out. Parents should be writing in these throughout the week and signing them at the end.

**\*Books and diaries need to be in school everyday.**