



ELM CLASS NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. This newsletter will explain the plans for Elm Class over the Spring Term.

Curriculum

We are starting off Term 3 with the History topic- Ancient Rome and Roman Britain and we will be exploring the enquiry question- 'What was the Roman Empire and how did it impact Britain and the wider world?'. Additionally, our Science topic will be Electricity- 'Does electricity flow easily through all objects?'. This will be followed in Term 4 by 'Tectonic Plates, Volcanoes and Earthquakes'. 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 English unit will be focusing on our Roman Topic where we will research and create our own non-chronological report.

Weekly spelling lessons will continue to take place within our two week rota. We will start with the large investigation in week one followed by daily spelling consolidation in week 2. Spelling will also be embedded throughout our writing units and weekly spelling lessons. We will continue to read our class novel 'The Train to Impossible Places' this term and in Term 4 we will be reading 'The Boy who Biked the World'.

Maths

We will start the term with consolidation of number and place value and continue our strong times table focus throughout the term. We will also cover the four operations, fractions, time and shape in more detail -focusing on our fluency and problem solving skills. 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 Rockstars in a great resource to aid this as well as writing them out by hand. We will be doing weekly arithmetic-focused lessons where the children will learn and consolidate their arithmetic skills and practice test-based questions.

On Tuesdays, the children will start Term 3 by taking part in a dynamic Martial Arts programme that will run up until the Easter Term. On Fridays, children will be practising their hockey 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.

Homework

Children will be set English and Maths homework **weekly** on Thursdays. 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.

As always, please feel free to contact me at any time during this term if you have any queries or concerns I can help with. Here is the class email address:

Elm@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk

Many thanks and warm regards,
Miss Papworth-Smith

Key information for Elm Class

Tuesday - P.E. lesson

Friday - P.E. lesson

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

***Reading books and homework diaries need to be in school everyday.**