



ELM CLASS NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter break and are looking forward to the warmer weather.

This newsletter will explain the plans for Elm Class over the Summer term.

Curriculum

We are starting off Term 5 with the History topic- Viking, Anglo Saxons and the Norman Conquest and we will be exploring the enquiry question- '**Who were they and how did they change Britain?**'. This will be followed in Term 6 by a Geography unit on the Waterways of the UK. Additionally, our Science topic for both Term 5 and 6 will be Living things and their habitats with our first enquiry questions looking into- '**Are some animals more alike than others?**'. 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 in Term 5 will be centered around 'How to train your dragon' and 'Fantastic beasts and where to find them'. We will be creating our own creatures and writing non-chronological reports as well as exploring description and narrative.

Weekly spelling lessons will continue to take place within our two week rota. Spelling will also be embedded throughout our writing units and weekly spelling lessons.

We will be reading 'The midnight fox' this term and in Term 6 we will be exploring 'The Lost Words' alongside picture books and poems.

Maths

We will start the term with consolidation of number and place value, with a special focus on decimals and continue our strong times table focus throughout the term reading for the MTC in June. We will also continue to cover the four operations, money, shape and statistics in more detail -focusing on our fluency and problem solving skills. The Multiplication tables check is now fast approaching, times tables continue to be a priority and we will be practising these daily in class. In addition, children should also be **learning times table facts continually** at home as they work towards improving their results in our termly Multiplication Awards. Times Table Rockstars is a great resource to aid this as well as writing them out by hand and using this website which mimics the test conditions:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

We will continue our weekly arithmetic lessons where we will learn and consolidate arithmetic skills and practice test-based questions and exam techniques.

On Thursday, the children will start Term 5 by taking part in a combat dance programme. On Fridays, children will be practising their handball skills which includes focusing on power, catching, dribbling and throwing skills. Please ensure that children have appropriate PE kit on these days - especially trainers. As the weather changes, children will require coats (for any April showers), suncream, hats and water bottles should be in school everyday.

Homework

Homework is due in on Thursday. Children will then be set English and Maths homework **weekly** on **Fridays**. 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:

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Many thanks and kind regards,
Miss Papworth-Smith

Key information for Elm Class

Thursday - Inside P.E. lesson

Friday - Outside 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, please. (5 times a week)

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

