

AUTUMN TERM 2022 - 2023



Elm Class

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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.

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 a little, and often in daily activities. No spelling homework will be set this year, spelling will still be embedded in daily practice. Our class books this term will be 'The Legend of Podkin One-Ear', followed by 'The Train to Impossible Places' in Term 2.

Topic

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.

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 is a great resource to aid this, as well as writing them out by hand.

RE

Our first RE unit this term is Christianity and we will be looking at the question 'What was it like to follow God?'. We will be exploring key Bible stories throughout the term to aid us in answering our unit question.

PE

On Mondays, children will be practicing their rugby skills, including passing attacking and defence, and on Fridays, children will start Term 1 by taking part in gymnastics, focusing on their balance, rhythm and following a routine. 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.

Homework

Children will be set English and Maths homework **weekly** on Fridays to be returned by the following Thursday. 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. Those reading 5x or more will go into the draw for the KS2 Book Vending Machine. 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.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries or concerns I can help with using the class email above or by sending a message through Weduc.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Needham