

Summer Term



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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 about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings 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. In science we will be studying Living things and their habitats with our first enquiry questions looking into- '**Are some animals more alike than others?**'.

English

Our English unit in Term 5 will be centered around the book 'How to Train your Dragon and How to be a Viking'. We will be writing instructions and letter writing using these texts as the writing stimulus. We will also be reading a range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts in Whole Class Reading. 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.

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 in preparation 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 and therefore, 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/>

Please also take a note of the upcoming diary dates which we are listed here. If you have any questions then please feel free to contact me via elm@woodborough.wilts.sch.uk.

Many thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Johanson

Homework

Maths and English homework for term 5 will be set every Friday and should be submitted the following Wednesday please. I intend to set a topic based homework project for our geography unit in term 6.

Reading

Reading at home is encouraged to take place 5 times a week and I will be hearing each child read over the course of the first week. Please sign their homework diary when they read to you at home so they don't miss the opportunity to be in the draw for Reader of the Week.

PE

PE sessions will take place on Mondays (rounders) and Thursdays (dance - Vikings). **Please ensure they have sturdy trainers and appropriate outdoor clothing.**

Diary Dates

Friday 10th May - Whole School Meeting
W/B 20th May - Art Week
Friday 24th May - TD Day
W/B 3rd June - Window for MTC opens!
Monday 24th June - TD Day
Tuesday 25th June - TD Day
Friday 28th June - Elm Class Workshop
Wednesday 10th July and Thursday 11th July - KS2 Summer Performance.

