



Elm Class Newsletter Autumn 2 2023

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. We are very much looking forward to the Autumn 2 term and the exciting run up to Christmas.

Maths

Throughout this half term, we will cover the multiplication and division of 3, 4 and 8. Pupils will then get to use their experience of multiplication and division to solve word problems. We will then move onto covering multiplying by a 2-digit number. We will look at decomposing a number into tens and ones so that the multiplication is easily managed. Lessons move onto multiplying where regrouping is necessary before pupils start to look at division. Once pupils master multiplication and division, they focus on solving problems using the multiplication and division methods dealt with in previous lessons.

English

This term we will be exploring the book 'Pugs of the Frozen North' by Philip Reeve. The adventure book combines excitement, humour and emotion as well as countless illustrations for children to explore, interpret and respond to. It will support pupils in building their imagination of fantasy worlds through role-play. There will be lots of writing opportunities including adverts, poetry and descriptive writing.

Spellings

The children will receive a new spelling list each Monday and will be tested on these spellings on the following Friday. There will be opportunities to practise these spellings in school throughout the week but you can also find a collection of these lists for this half term below so that you can support your child's learning at home.

Reading

Children take part in Guided Reading sessions twice a week in which whole class strategies are used, using different forms of media including pictures, films and whole class texts and written comprehensions. The children also have time to read independently for pleasure after dinner every day. In addition, children are able to choose a book from the class book corner, which is to stay in school. All children have access to Bug Club which has lots of amazing fiction and non-fiction books at your child's reading level and we also provide a Home Reader book each week which is changed every Friday. Please contact school immediately if you have any concerns about your child's home reading book.



Topic

We are continuing with our topic on The Stone Age to The Iron Age. We will look at who the beaker people were, discover hillforts as well as look at how life was differed in different regions of England during. Our Home Learning Challenges are due to be returned to school by **Monday 4th December**. A copy of the HLCs can be found on the website.

Science

This half term our science topic is 'Light and Shadow'. The children will be able to know a variety of light sources and through investigation they will discover reflective surfaces, transparent, opaque and translucent materials as well as how shadows can change shape and size.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on **Tuesday** mornings with the coach and the children will be focusing on gymnastics. P.E. kits (a plain t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms plus pumps or trainers together with a sweatshirt) are to be brought into school and can be left in lockers. Long hair should be tied back and earrings either removed or taped over for safety.

R.E.

This half term there will be a focus on Christmas and its celebration of God's presence with us. We will explore prophets Abraham, Moses and Jonah.

Key Dates

- **Tuesday 31st October** - School Re-Opens. Daily swimming starts for 2 weeks.
- **Monday 4th December** - Home Learning Challenges due.
- **Wednesday 13th December** - Pantomime trip
- **Friday 22nd December** - Break up for Christmas holidays.