



Elm Class Newsletter Spring 2 2024

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. We're looking forward to another fun-packed half term in Elm Class with lots of new topics to explore. If you have any questions, please just ask during drop off and pick up times. You can also email CCWalshaw@bury.gov.uk marked for the attention of Mrs Ryding and I will endeavour to respond to you as quickly as possible. Below you will find the information regarding the curriculum coverage.

Mrs Ryding and Miss Kidd.

KEY DATES

- * **Monday 26th January** - The term begins.
- * **Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day
- * **Friday 15th March** - Red Nose Day
- * **Thursday 21st March** - Elm Class Assembly
- * **Friday 22nd March** - Non-uniform day to donate chocolate eggs.
- * **Monday 25th March** - Parents' Evening
- * **Wednesday 27th March** - Parents' Evening
- * **Thursday 28th March** - Last day of half term

Maths

Once we have completed our time unit, pupils will be learning about how to create and interpret pictograms and bar graphs. Children will then spend an extended period exploring and working with fractions. We will begin by counting in tenths and then understanding fractions as division. Pupils will move on to finding fractions of whole numbers as part of a set and looking at sharing 1 and more than 1.

English

This half term we will be exploring the book 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' by Joe Todd Stanton, which will see us journey to the land of the Vikings. A place filled with magical objects, powerful gods and mythical beasts to be conquered! We will explore the structure of a myth which will inspire writing genres including an advertisement, non-chronological report and an explanation text.

Spellings

The children will continue to 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 on our class page so that you can support your child's learning at home.

History

This half term in topic we will be looking at Why were the Romans so successful? Throughout this unit of work, the children will be developing both their geographical and historical knowledge. In particular, we will be looking at the myth of how Rome was created, the invasion of Britain and why the Romans were so successful and the impact they have made on life today. The Home Learning Challenges for this topic can be found on the class page. This should be handed in no later than **Friday 19th May**.

Science

This half term our science topic is 'Magnets and Forces'. During this topic, children will explore how things move, how surfaces affects movements, how magnets behave and magnetic materials.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will take place on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. The children will be focusing on invasion, net and wall games. P.E. kits (a plain t-shirt and 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's RE topic is 'Easter – Sadness and Joy', where children will cover the following objectives:

1. To ask religious questions
2. To retell the events of Palm Sunday
3. To retell the events of Good Friday
4. To describe and show understanding of the Christian practices and
5. To recall the events of Holy Week

PSHE

Our focus this half term in PSHE will be 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We will look at volunteering, how to help each other to stay safe, protecting the environment and earning money.