



Elm Class Newsletter Summer 1 2024

Dates For Your Diary

Key Dates

- * **Monday 15th April** - The term begins. Class trip to Chester
- * **Wednesday 17th April** - Forest School
- * **Wednesday 24th April** - Science Show and forest school
- * **Wednesday 1st May** - Forest School
- * **Monday 6th May** - Bank Holiday
- * **Wednesday 8th May** - Forest School
- * **Friday 17th May** - Home Learning Challenges due in
- * **Wednesday 22nd May** - Sports day
- * **Friday 24th May** - Last day of term

Maths

We will start by finishing our fractions unit with pupils adding and subtracting fractions before applying content knowledge to sophisticated word problems. We will then move on to angles followed by lines and shapes and finishing the term with the perimeter of figures.

English

This half term we will be exploring a 'The Tin Forest' by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. A tale of transformation. An old man lives in a grey and forsaken place 'that looked out on other people's rubbish and bad weather'. He dreams of a wild and colourful place and uses the resources around him in such a creative way that change comes about and a natural forest becomes entwined with one of metal. This unit provides opportunity for children to write a variety of genres, including a diary entry, narrative in role and a book review.

History

We are continuing our Roman topic in this half term starting off with a class trip to Chester. Our learning in class will look at comparing the existing Celtic villages and the new Roman settlements, alongside finding out how the Romans protected their new lands and an introduction to significant historical figures of the time such as Boudicca. Our unit will finish with a study of the final years of

the Roman Empire and the events that led to its downfall. The Home Learning Challenges for this topic can be found at the bottom of this page and on Seesaw. This should be handed in no later than **Friday 17th May**.

Science

Up until the end of the year, we will be exploring plants in science. This half term we will focus on 'What Plants Need' which covers the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow) and how they vary from plant to plant. We will bring our unit to life with a trip to Walshaw Hall Care Home, where children and residents will grow their own sunflowers.

RE

This term's RE topic is 'Which rules should we follow'. The aim of this unit is to:

- give pupils an opportunity to consider the value and purpose of rules.
- examine Christian rules for living and the source of these rules.
- encourage pupils to reflect upon their own lifestyle and the influences upon it.
- consider the rules followed by other faiths and the ways in which the rules influence behaviour and decisions.

PE

PE will be taught on **Thursdays**. Our focus this half term will be striking/fielding and football. Children will get changed for PE at school, no football kits allowed. For safety reasons, long hair should be tied back for PE and earrings either removed or taped over for safety (tape is supplied by school). Please take into account the weather conditions.

Forest school

Mrs Hudson will be leading the sessions which will be taking place on Wednesday afternoons on the following dates: Wednesday 17th April, Wednesday 24th April, Wednesday 1st May and Wednesday 8th May. Please see school letter for more details.

I hope you find this information useful but please do not hesitate to speak to myself or anyone from the Elm team should you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ryding and Miss Kidd