

Elm Class Newsletter Spring 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a restful break and are looking forward to the second part of an exciting spring term!

Homework

Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback on the weekly homework we trialled last half-term. As we only set homework termly, there will be no weekly homework during Spring 2, children should continue to practise their weekly spellings and complete their reading. We would really appreciate the children accessing TT Rockstars for at least 30 minutes per week, as this will support them in preparation for the National Multiplication Check they will take in Year 4.

Reminders:

- The children will need to come to school with a coat every day.
- Please can we remind parents and children that toys should not be brought into school.
- Children should bring a water bottle to school each day.
- Fruit can be brought in as a snack for morning break as there is no free fruit for children in KS2.
- **Reading books** to be brought into school on **Fridays**. Children will receive their new books each Friday. We do allocate Teaching Assistant time on Fridays to change books, so it isn't always possible to change forgotten books on other days.
- Copies of spelling letters can be found on our class page on the website. Spelling tests will be every **Friday**.

Important Dates

- Monday 24th February- School re-opens
- Monday 24th February- FRIENDS Loose Change Challenge Starts
- Thursday 6th March- World Book Day- Dress as your favourite book character or PJs for bedtime stories.
- Monday 10th March- Elm Class Trip To Chester linked to our Romans History Topic.
- Monday 24th March and Wednesday 26th March- Parents' Evening 4pm-7pm
- Friday 4th April Non-Uniform Day for the FRIENDS Easter Bingo Event
- Friday 4th April- School Closes for the Easter Break

Spring 2 - Curriculum Information

Maths

We will be looking at money being able to count money, show money in different amounts, add and subtract money and solve word problems. We will then move on to telling the time. As well as telling the time to the nearest minute, we will be measuring time durations, converting time from seconds to minutes and finding the number of days in each month.

English

We will be exploring our new class text "Milo Imagines It All". The book follows a young boy with a wild imagination on a train journey to visit his Mother. We will use the book as inspiration to write our own stories. We will be looking at how to use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech and using the possessive apostrophe correctly.

History

This term our history focus will be looking at The Romans. By the end of our topic, children will understand the significance of early Rome. who ruled in the early days and the battle for power, how the Romans used their armies, look at timelines of the Romans invading Britain and the significant events which took place. Finally, we will look at Roman settlements and compare these with Celtic settlements. Our trip to the Chester DEWA Experience will really bring this topic to life.

Science

Our learning over the next few weeks will explore Light. We will be looking at: light sources, how we see, the Sun, shadows, which materials are opaque, transparent and translucent and finally we will be conducting shadow experiments.

RE

This half term, children will be answering the question: How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?

PE

PE with the sports coach will be on a Tuesday and have a basketball focus for this half term.

PSHE

This half term we will be looking at Rights and Responsibilities.

French

Animals, numbers and Easter.

Art

Craft and Design- Ancient Egyptian Scrolls.

Music

Pentatonic Melodies and Composition

Computing

Email and Branching Databases.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Holt, Mrs Hudson, Miss Barnes, Mrs Evans and Mrs Bates