

Elm Class Newsletter Spring 2 2022

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 Miss Bird and I will endeavour to respond to you as quickly as possible. Below you will find the information regarding the curriculum coverage.

Miss Bird and Mrs. Saxon.

KEY DATES

Monday 27th February - School re-opens

Tuesday 28th February - WOW badge competition deadline (optional)

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day (wear pyjamas)

Friday 17th March - Comic Relief

Monday 20th & Wednesday 22nd March - Parents' Evening 4-7pm

Friday 31st March - School closes for Easter

Monday 17th April - Start of summer term

Maths

Children this half term will be learning to tell the time using 'a.m.' and 'p.m.', telling time to the minute, using analogue and digital time and telling time by using both the minute and hour hands. Pupils then learn to use the 24-hour clock and clocks using roman numerals. After this, pupils are measuring and comparing time in seconds, hours and minutes.

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 such as a short story, persuasive letter and non-chronological report.

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.

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 with a book from the class book corner as well as frequent library trips. 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 ensure reading records are signed by an adult weekly and returned with the home reader as our **Home Reading Reward Scheme** starts this half term!

Topic

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 **Tuesday** mornings and also on **Wednesday** afternoons. 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