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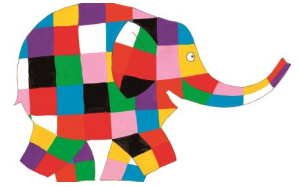
# ELMER NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Elmer Class!

Welcome to the Culverstone family! We are so excited to spend our first term together getting to know all of our lovely new Elmers! Remember to sign up to Class Dojo so that you can contact us directly and see any updates about your child's learning.

*Class Teacher: Mrs Armstrong*  
*Teaching Assistant: Miss Mole*



## English

### Literacy

Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week at home. Please ensure that you sign your child's yellow reading book when your child reads at home. **We will be sending these home soon.** At school all children read daily during Read, Write Inc. lessons which take place every morning and consist of phonics practice and eventually leading to them reading a book appropriate to their reading level.

**Reading books to take home will be changed on a Monday, and eventually will change according to their phonics level.** Children will be focusing on recognising and writing their own name this term and writing the initial sounds in words. We will be listening to stories and retelling them using pictures and role play. We will focus on particular vocabulary within the stories each day and discuss the meaning of these words in order to develop their spoken language and general knowledge.

## White Rose Maths

In our **Maths** lessons this term, we will first start by completing a baseline assessment to see what our Elmers already know. We will then focus on some key skills; matching, comparing and sorting. We will be exploring patterns and beginning to create our own simple patterns. We will move onto representing number and the compositions of numbers 1, 2 and 3.



### Physical Development

We have PE sessions weekly on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure children come into school wearing their P.E kit and that these items are all named. Our focus units from our Complete PE scheme this term are: Walking and Ourselves. We will be developing our fine and gross motor skills through the continuous provision in our classroom environment.



### Communication and Language

The children will take part in daily speech and language games as a whole class. We will have regular circle time and ensure that we are reinforcing positive speaking and listening skills.



## RSE & PSHE

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This particular area is a key focus during the first term in Elmer Class. We will be focusing on activities that help us get to know each other, in order to **build relationships** with our peers and classroom adults. We will be looking at how we can **manage our behaviours and emotions**, and begin to build independence and resilience. The children will also be talking about **self-regulation**, the reasons for rules, and how we can give focused attention when needed.

# Key Events:



- 3rd October—Harvest Carnival
- 11th October —Woodlands School
- 24th October— Poetry Day



Art and Design



Design and Technology



Music

**Expressive Arts and Design** – We will use the Kapow Art unit, “Marvellous marks”, which will involve using a variety of media to draw, and eventually complete face drawings. We will also be using the Kapow DT unit, “Junk modelling”, this will involve scissor skills, choosing materials, building and evaluating. For Music, we will be using the Kapow unit, “Exploring Sound”. In this unit we will explore vocal, body, instrumental, environmental and natural sounds.



History



Geography

**Understanding the World** – This term, we will use the Kapow History unit, “Peek into the past”. This will be consolidated through role play opportunities and our investigation station of toys past and present. We will talk about our favourite toys, and what our families liked to play with when they were our age. If you are interested in coming in to talk about and share one of your favourite childhood toys, please get in touch via Class Dojo or the school office—we would love for you to show us!



Religion & Worldviews

## Religious Education

We would love to encourage the children to share their beliefs as part of our activities to get to know each other. A key focus in this term will also be the celebration of Diwali.



Computing

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This term, we will be learning what a keyboard is and how to locate relevant keys. We will start learning how to log in and out, and then move on to using a mouse to click and drag.

## Home Learning

Each Elmer will have their own “sharing book”. This can be used to add any photos or news that children would like to share with their friends, but I will also include some home learning activities they can take part in too. On the inside of their sharing book, it will say which day of the week is your child’s day to have some sharing time.

## Reading Records

This term, we will send your child home with a yellow reading record and a story book to share. These will be changed every Monday. Children are expected to read 5 times a week, and at this point in their learning, this includes any time you share a book with them. If it is noted in their reading record that they have read 5 times, they will move up our class reward chart. At the end of term, the children at the top are entered into our prize draw!

AWARENESS



EQUALITY

RESPECT

resilience

COLLABORATION