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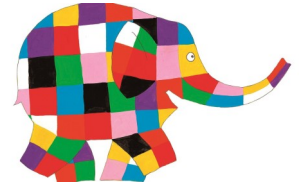
ELMER NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to Term 2 in Elmer Class!

We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming in our new Elmers and we are looking forward to everything we have planned in Term 2! Our topic this term is "Let's Celebrate!" and we have lots of celebrations planned!

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, this can be any reading they do, including bedtime stories with you. 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 continuing to focus 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 start to focus on blending sounds together using "Fred Talk" to help us read words.

WhiteRoseMaths

In our **Maths** lessons this term, we will start by focussing on shape, in particular; circles and triangles. This will include key skills such as; identifying, comparing and describing. Then, we will move onto a focus on number. We will mainly look at numbers 1-5, and recap skills learnt previously such as subitising, finding one more and finding one less. Finally, we will look at shapes that have 4 sides.



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: Gymnastics with a focus on movements that are "High, Low, Over and Under" and ball skills. We will be developing our fine and gross motor skills through the continuous provision in our classroom.



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 is an ongoing area we support through our learning environment, and adapt according to the needs of our children. We will be focusing on activities that help us 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:



- 18th November—Woodlands School
- 5th December—Godstone Farm Visit
- 19th December at 9:15am —Reception Christmas Performance



Art and Design



Design and Technology



Music

Expressive Arts and Design – We will use the Kapow Art unit, “Seasonal Crafts”, which will involve using a variety of media to create threaded snowflakes and salt dough decorations. We will also be using the Kapow DT unit, “Seasonal Projects”, this will involve using scissor skills to help create a sliding Santa chimney! For Music, we will be using the Kapow unit, “Celebration Music”. In this unit we will explore; Diwali music, Hanukkah music, Kwanzaa music, Traditional Christmas music and Christmas action songs.



History



Geography

Understanding the World – This term, we will use the Kapow Geography unit, “Exploring Maps”. This will be consolidated through role play opportunities in our “Elmer Post Office” and through use of our investigation station. We will talk about pirate maps, our school from above and how to make a map! We will also learn how to create a journey stick using objects from our outdoor environment.



Religion & Worldviews

Religious Education

This term, we will use the Kapow R.E unit, “What are special times?”. This will include learning about Diwali and how some Hindu people celebrate. It will also include how some Christians celebrate Christmas, and why.



Computing

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This term, we will be following the Kapow unit, “All about instructions”. In this unit we will be looking at how important it is to make sure a computer is programmed correctly, by building our knowledge of how to follow and give simple instructions.

Home Learning

We have loved having our weekly sharing time, thank you to everyone who has been bringing their book in every week! As a reminder, sharing books can be used to add any photos or news that children would like to share with their friends, but it also includes 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

Your child has been sent 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

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COLLABORATION