



# Elm Class Autumn Newsletter

## Welcome back to school!

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer and recharged the batteries. The children have all settled in really well over the first week of term. They are adjusting to the new routine amazingly. As the term moves on the children's learning will become more structured.

### Library

I am really pleased to say that as a school we are hoping to use the library again soon.

### Reading Books

This term we aim to ensure each child will have their books changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The class TA will look through all book bags on these days. Children will take part in phonics lessons twice a day throughout the week with me. In Elm Class we will also set up 1:1 and small group phonics in addition for those that need it. If possible could you ensure that you are reading a variety of literature with your child at home, this could be anything from recipe books to comics and magazines. The school reading scheme is designed to enable us to gauge a child's reading level, but does not always inspire them to become readers when used in isolation. Please sign your child's reading record at least 5 times a week so they can receive the 'High 5' reading challenge certificates. The children can re-read the same book. You can write in a book that you have read to them, as well as any books that you read from your house. I am in the process of setting up Reading Eggs & Google classroom and will send the logins homes as soon they are ready.

### Snacks and milk

In Year 1, we only have one snack during the day which is a piece of fruit provided by the school. It is entirely up to you if you want to send in any extra. If you wish for your child to continue having milk this year, please see Mrs Heath in the office for details on how to sign up for this.

## What we are learning this term:

This term our main topic is 'Superheroes'. In this topic we will be thinking about what makes a good superhero, designing superhero masks, capes and creating some superhero inspired artwork to decorate our topic display board. We will also talk about real-life superheroes and learning about the emergency services and other people who help to look after us. The following topic is Dinosaur planet where we look at ourselves and compare with the dinosaur era. In RE we will be looking at families and how important our families are to us. In RSHE, we will be creating our own Class Charter and thinking about how we show respect to each other. Our science work will be based around our anatomy and the 5 senses, which we will explore in a very practical way through smell, touch, taste and listening activities.

## Maths

**This term in Maths we are going to order numbers, double numbers to 5, recognise, name and describe 2D shapes, find missing numbers in number sentences. We are going to look at the length and height of objects as well as estimate. Finally we will also be looking at how to use money.**

### PE

This year we will have PE on Mondays and Fridays. The children will continue to come in wearing their PE kit on those days, this has worked really well over the past year.

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### End of Day

While I am getting to know all the new faces at pick-up time, please feel free to wave and let me know who you are picking up. It will not take long for me to get to know you all. If you have any questions or concerns please ensure you catch me at the end of the day for a chat. (once all the children have been collected)

### In the Mornings

The children are entering the playground and the classroom so well in the mornings. I am very impressed at how independent and organised they are.
