

# Elm Class Summer Term Newsletter



#### Summer is on its way!

I hope that you have all had a really lovely Easter Break

Considering how strange the times that we are in have been, it is hard to believe that we are already in the last term of the year!

It seems to be flying by!

#### Phonics Screening Test

This term the year one children would have been getting themselves ready for the phonics screening test.

Due to COVID-19 this, like SATS and other exams are not taking place on a national level this academic year. However, I am still continually assessing the children's phonics knowledge and we will have our own phonics screening assessment which I will report back to you so that you know where they are within age related expectations. The children are taking part in two phonics sessions a day to help reach the end of year requirements.

#### **LITERACY**

To link in with our Splendid Skies topic, we will be writing and learning some poems linked to the weather and nature.

We will also be writing letters and completing some fairy stories linked to our Enchanted Woodland topic.

#### **Maths**

In Maths we will be looking at addition within 20, subtraction within 20. Numbers to 100. Multiplication and division. Height and Length, as well as weight and volume.

### **Topic**

Our new topic is 'Splendid Skies'. This will be a science based topic, learning about the weather and seasonal changes. Alongside this, we will look at famous paintings with dramatic skies including some by J.M.W Turner and Vincent Van Gogh. We will also learn about the Montgolfier brothers, who are credited with inventing the hot air balloon as we know it today. After half term our topic will be 'Enchanted Woodland' where the children will be growing their own plants, exploring the nature garden, finding fairy doors and creating own fairies and woodland creatures.



## **Science**

We are going to be learning about the seasons, as well as being able to grow and nurture our own plants.

## <u>GAMES LESSONS</u>

### Mondays and Fridays

We will keep to our Monday and Friday games lessons this term. As the weather becomes warmer we will take the Children outside as much as possible. As always, Children will need to be their navy blue shorts or joggers and t-shirt on for these lessons.