



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 well. As the term moves on the children's learning becomes more structured.

Library

Unfortunately, due to the current situation that we are all in we are unable to allow children to use the school library but teachers are selecting books for classroom boxes. Please see if your child can visit a local library so that they can get used to selecting favourite books.

Reading Books

This term we aim to ensure each child will read and have the opportunity to change reading books on a Tuesday and Friday. Children will take part in guided reading groups throughout the week with either myself, or a teaching assistant. We are also going to do whole class guided reading. Please 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 introduce key vocabulary in a systematic way and to be used alongside other books that they choose themselves. Please sign your child's reading record at least 5 times a week. They will receive 'High 5' reading challenge certificates for every 25 signatures in their reading records.

The children can re-read the same book, write in a book that you have read to them, as well as any books that you read from your house. Please remember to use the online 'Reading Eggs' also.

Snacks and milk

In Year 1, we 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 the Creation Story to understand how important it is for us to look after our world. In PSHE, 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 (COVID precautions taken).

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. We will also be looking at being able to use money.

PE

This year we will be doing PE on Mondays and Fridays. The children are coming in wearing their PE kit and this has worked really well.

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 me long to get to know you all.

In the Mornings

The children are entering the playground and the classroom so well in the mornings. They are very independent and being very organised.

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