

### Things to do at home:

- ◇ Read with your child at home, either by sharing their school reading book or something you enjoy too.
- ◇ Children can access Times Tables Rockstars at home to practice and consolidate their knowledge of times tables.
- ◇ Investigate the idea of Tier 2 Vocabulary at home to expand your child's knowledge of unfamiliar language; examples of this are attached.
- ◇ Encourage children to read widely at home, especially to support our Secret Reader Challenge.
- ◇ Practice spellings and times tables as frequently as possible. The children have their logins to Spelling Shed in the back of their Reading Diaries.

If you have any queries or messages, please feel free to discuss with any of the Elm staff on gate at the bottom of the playground, contact the School Office or message me via Class Dojo.

### Notices

- ◇ PE is on a **Monday** and **Tuesday**; please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit.
- ◇ Homework will be given out **every Friday**; this will include 1 piece of Maths and 1 piece of English homework. This will be due in **on a Wednesday**.
- ◇ Reading books will be changed very Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- ◇ Reading Records will be checked **every Friday** by a member of staff.
- ◇ Children will also receive reading comments throughout the week when they are heard read.
- ◇ Spellings will be given out **every Friday** and tested **on the following Friday**.
- ◇ Children will also be tested on a Times Table **each Friday** to ensure these are learnt consolidated.

**If ever unsure, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo where I will also update with any new notices that arise too**

**Welcome to**

**Elm Class**



**Curriculum  
Newsletter**

**Autumn Term 2 2020**

# Here is what we will be learning this half term:

## English:

In Reading, we will endeavor a range of non-fiction and fiction texts to broaden our knowledge of various books and authors, whilst promoting a love of reading. Next week, we will begin our class text for this half term called, 'The Wolf Wilder.' This book will expose the children to a range of powerful language, which they can embed into their own writing. It links nicely to our Geography topic, 'Europe' as it is set in Russia.

We will secure our understanding of all our reading domains but our key priorities for this half term will be:

- 2a: give/explain the meaning of unknown words in context
- 2b: retrieve and record key information from a fiction/non-fiction text
- 2d: make inferences from a text and use evidence to justify these deductions
- 2e: predict what might happen from details stated or implied.

We will be focusing on the following skills:

- How to embed persuasive devices.
- Using sophisticated language to debate.

## Maths:

In Maths, we will focus upon the following key areas:

- **Measurements**  
Add and subtract using pounds and pence.  
Measure length and convert between centimeters and meters.  
Multiply 2 digit numbers using formal written methods.
- **Addition & Subtraction**  
Using formal written methods

We will use a range of ways to secure of knowledge of these skills, including, concrete (the use of practical equipment), pictorial (the use of images and diagrams) and abstract (the written numbers and calculations).

Children will also be exposed to these areas using:

- Varied fluency - practicing the skill in a variety of different ways
- Reasoning - using their skills to justify and evidence why calculations may or may not work, for instance.
- Problem Solving - applying their skills to a wider problem or context where they have to combine skills together

## Science:

This half term we will be **continuing** to investigate and learning about, 'Forces and Magnets. The children will be able to explain what a force is and identify different types of forces through practical and hands-on experiments. They will be testing theories, making and predictions and recording their results.

When working with magnets, the children will consider how useful magnets can be in everyday life and will use this to identify metal objects in a mixture of non-magnetic and magnetic objects.

The children will write a very informative biography on the scientist Sir Isaac Newton.

## Geography:

In Geography, we learning about our Europeans Neighbours! The children will explore the different continents, in Europe, following their half term homework task. They will be able to...

- Locate countries
- Compare physical and humans features
- Identify landmarks.

## RE:

In RE, we will be exploring the different Festivals of Light. The children will know the traditions behind these festivals and consider how they are celebrated. .

## D&T

In Design & Technology, Elm class will design and create their own magnetic board game.

## PE:

In PE, we will be learning skills linked to Netball and partner work in Dance.

## MFL:

In KS2, we will be learning French; our focus this half term is numbers 20-60 and Who Am I?

## Computing:

Our unit this half term is continuing with digital animation.

## PSHE:

We will be learning about Computer Safety. They will discover the positive and negatives of social media and explore ways we can keep our safe online through our e-safety lessons.