

Elm Class

CLASSROOM NEWS

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Welcome

Welcome back to the Autumn term. We hope that you have all had a safe and happy summer.

Mrs Sealey and Mrs Whitfield are looking forward to a successful, exciting and enjoyable half term filled with lots of learning, new experiences and opportunities to grow. We can't wait to see the children continue to develop their confidence, curiosity and enthusiasm for learning!

Year 3 and 4 are welcome to bring fruit to eat during our snack time.

Thank you for your support.

Reading

Your child will be bringing a book home to read. Please listen to them as much as possible. Make sure that they have their book and diary in school every day but especially on a Thursday as our wonderful FEWS volunteers may listen to them read.

Reminders

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather and that they have a waterproof coat in school each day. We also ask that they bring a named bottle of water to stay hydrated throughout the day. Please make sure that your child has an appropriate P.E kit on our P.E days.

Upcoming Events

SEPT

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Individual school photos

OCT

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Bikeability

NOV

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Remembrance Day

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Children in Need

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Road Safety/Anti Bullying Week

Dec

13

Christmas Panto

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Last Day of Term

PE Days

Tuesday and Thursday

Maths

In Maths, pupils are developing place value through the White Rose scheme. They are representing and partitioning numbers to thousands, comparing and ordering them, and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. They are also strengthening addition and subtraction with up to 4-digit numbers, including calculations that cross place value boundaries.

English

English – Leon and the Place Between
Leon steps from a magician's stage into the Place Between, a realm where imagination becomes real. He faces wonder and danger, discovers courage, and finds his way home.
English – Arthur and the Golden Rope
Arthur, a brave and curious boy, is chosen by Thor after saving his village. With a magical golden rope, he journeys into the gods' realm to help restore their power.

PE

Get Set 4 P.E. – Mr Giles will teach athletics on Tuesdays, building running, jumping and throwing skills. On Thursdays, pupils will focus on fitness, improving speed, stamina, strength, flexibility, balance and efficient running while working towards personal bests.

Science

Forces and space: Forces and magnets. We will be introducing children to forces like pushes, pulls and friction, helping them understand how these affect the movement of objects. This unit also teaches pupils how magnets work, including attraction, repulsion and which materials are magnetic, through hands-on investigation.

DT

Structure: Pavilions. Children will learn how frame structures are designed, strengthened and assembled, exploring real examples before creating their own. They will investigate materials, practise joins and add cladding to build a stable, purposeful pavilion.

Computing

Pupils will learn how to stay safe online, protect personal information and respond if something worries them. They will then study Kapow Collaborative Learning, using shared digital tools to create content together and build responsible teamwork and communication.

RE

We will be discussing 'How do people welcome new life into the world'. We will look at Christian baptism and at the way that Muslims celebrate a new life by studying the key parts of the Aqiqah ceremony.

Geography

Who lives in Antarctica? Children will learn that Antarctica is a remote, extreme place with no permanent residents, only visiting scientists. They will also explore how animals like penguins and seals survive through specialised adaptations to the harsh climate.

PSHE

Kapow PSHE – *My Healthy Self* helps pupils understand how their mind and body connect and how emotions affect them. They learn safe ways to express feelings, manage strong emotions and know when to seek help.

Our Curriculum for this Term

Spanish

This half term, pupils are developing Spanish phonics and pronunciation while learning *Los Instrumentos* vocabulary. They will practise accurate listening and speaking, using instrument names in simple Spanish phrases.