

Grange View C.E



First School



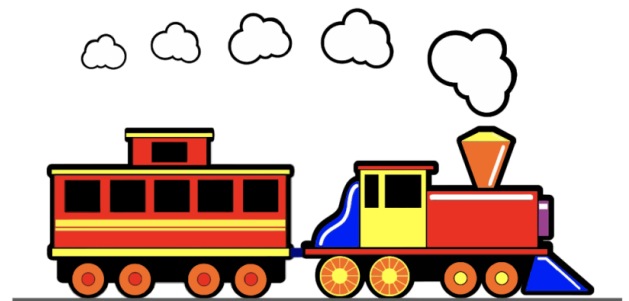
Welcome to this half term's
Topic Information letter for
Elm and Beech Class

Miss Darlow
and Mrs Chapman



Travelers Tales

Spring Term (1)



Numeracy;

In Year 1 we will be sorting and classifying 2D & 3D shapes, addition and subtractions as well as revisiting a bit of place value, where as in Year 2 we are continuing to be formalising multiplication and division by looking at equal groups and arrays. We will also be starting to look at statistics and shapes. This half term is packed with new maths knowledge that the children can share and practice at home.

History/Geography

This half term we will be looking at the history of transport. The children will look at how transport has changed over time and be able to experience it first hand with our trip to Beamish. They will create a time line of the transport and consider the future of transport.



They will look at maps and know how train lines and roads have helped to create places we know now.

Art/DT

The children will be learning all about patterns, textures and mark making in art this half term and use it in a design for a mode of transport. The children will be designing, making and evaluating their own model.



If anyone has any spare small cardboard boxes please send them into school for our model making.

Literacy

Reading

During this half term children will read in a variety of situations. There will be shared whole class sessions, Year two will have small group guided sessions, and all will have one to one with an adult weekly as well as encouraging a love of independent reading.

Reading at home

We have recently re banded all our books and we're excited to continue to develop a love of reading with the children. They will each have a reading record and bring books home on a daily basis - please read with your child as much as you can and sign their record - we have a new reward system in both classes to celebrate their success and hope to have them progressing through the bandings brilliantly, this will help with Y2 SATs and the Year 1 phonic screening.

Writing

The children will write in the following genres: Story writing based on stories from other cultures as well as non-chronological reports. They will learn to improve their sentence structure, grammar and punctuation as well as continuing to work through their spellings in a weekly test.

Handwriting

We use a pen pals system in school, where they do daily letter join practise. There are many ways you can help build muscle strength for your child - please ask us for suggestions.

Speaking & Listening

Children will encounter a variety of speaking and listening opportunities. Presenting information to their class during news, show and tell and through team building activities.

PE - Gymnastics

This half term the children will be enjoying Gymnastics with Mrs Cessford and Miss Clapperton.

They will be balancing, moving in different ways and learning to work well as a team.



We are also very excited to continue to have Debbie in on alternate Wednesdays with each class - please ensure you have PE kits in.

RE - The bible

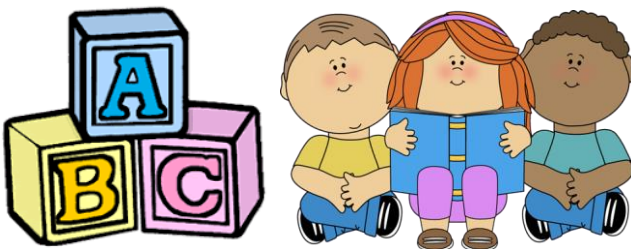


This half term the children will be exploring special books. They will think about why books are special.

They will learn about the old testament and the new testament and that the bible is made up of lots of stories. They will know that the bible is important to Christians and show them how to live a good life.

RWI- Phonics

This half term the children will be going into new RWI groups to learn phonics. They will be learning new set 2 and 3 sounds.



Keep your eyes peeled for videos on our website and facebook that shows you everything you need to know about phonics and how we teach it.

PSHE

This half term we are continuing with 'Healthy relationships'. During the term, they will discuss the importance of not keeping secrets, knowing ways to share their views and opinions with others, to listen to each other and play cooperatively as well as know the importance of respect for differences and similarities between people.

ICT - Using Technology

Children will be learning about the importance of technology and learn how they can retrieve information on an ipad or chrome book. After researching they will also be looking at different ways to present the information.



Also as part of their computing the children will continue to learn about how to be safe online.

Educational Visit

This half term we plan on going to Beamish Museum. The children will look at different modes of transport and learn about how life was different in the past compared to their lives now.



The children will get to see and ride on different modes of transport.

Homework

Reading - Children will be bringing home their home reading books during the week. It would be helpful if you could either write or sign the book to say you have heard them read, it helps us to avoid repeat reading the same pages. *We would really like to give the importance and value of reading a big push this year to help create confident, fluent readers throughout school. In Year 1 reading confidence will help greatly with the phonic screening as will fluency and confidence for the Year 2 SATs reading assessments in the Summer.*

Additionally the children may bring home a second book that they have taken out of the library on our Friday visit.

Spellings and Times Tables - Children will be given differentiated spellings to learn for their weekly spelling test on a Friday morning. Please help your child as much as possible learn these words as they will help with their confidence and fluency as both a reader and writer.

With the new expectation of compulsory times table tests at Year 4 there are certain times tables we endeavour to have the children fluent in by the end of each year. **Year 1: 2x and 10x table. Year 2: 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x table.**

Please whenever the opportunity arises help your child continue to practise these number sequences and become more fluent and confident.

Maths / English Homework - Children will be given some Maths Homework on School 360, within the Frog resources. These will be available to complete from Friday afternoon to the following Friday morning at 8am. . The maths homework is usually linked to the work they have done that week in Numeracy and should be appropriate for them to complete independently, this is aiming to replace Mathletics as it has proven more popular with the children throughout our trial in KS2 last term.

Thanks for your help and support.

Parental Help/Resources

We would very much appreciate your help/skills/resources that would link to any of our topics for this and the following half term throughout the year. If you feel that you could help us and your children out in any way please contact school and let us know.

Home Time

If you need to change the usual arrangements for picking up your child from school, please let school know as soon as possible. As you will understand we cannot allow children to leave the school premises unless we have permission from parents or carers.

Forest School / PE Kits (Tues, Wed and Friday)

Classes will be using the forest area whenever possible, we have waterproof trousers which we provide for each child but please ensure that their wellies are in school to avoid their school shoes being ruined. Similarly, a warm winter coat /hat / gloves should be in school so that are comfortable.

We are intending to do Yoga on Wednesday afternoons and other PE on a Tuesday (Y1) or Friday (Y2), so please ensure that they have their PE Kits as well as appropriate footwear in school at all times, especially if they have done an after school club the kit must return the next day.

Last year, across the whole school there was a high demand for the spare PE kit to be used and as a result we have very limited provisions now. Finally, if your child has had their ears pierced - ideally the earring should be removed for PE if not we can provide tape.

In general, long hair needs to be tied up for PE but would be best tied up at all times in school.