

**Welcome to this half terms Topic Information letter for**

**Key Stage 1**

**3, 2, 1 Blast off!**

**Summer 1 2019**



Welcome to this half terms Topic Information letter for Elm and Beech Classes.

**Elm:**

**Mrs Metcalfe**

**Beech:**

**Miss Darlow**

**Supported by:**

**Mrs Hepworth, Mrs Borley and Mrs Swinney**

Our new theme will be – Space Adventure! Through this the children will be exploring outer space and the ‘space’ we have around us in Widdrington while using the theme as a vehicle for creative learning.

**Literacy**

Across key stage 1 this half term we will continue our Read Write Inc phonics lessons through the use of the Get Writing Materials.

We will also be extending our reading and writing skills through our topic work to help write recounts, adventure stories and information texts all linked to space.



**Mathematics**

Following our school scheme linked with the National Curriculum, this half term the children will be developing their learning in these strands:

Measurement including money and time

Problem solving and reasoning



**Science**

The main science theme this half term is materials and their

properties. We will investigate different materials and what

materials are best to use for different reasons.

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**Personal, Social and Health Education**

The theme for this half term is relationships focusing upon:

* sharing opinions on things

that matter to them and

explaining their views

* recognising, naming and

dealing with feelings in a

positive way

* identifying and respecting the differences and similarities between people
* understanding family and friends should care for each other and that actions affect themselves and others
* caring about other people’s feelings and to try to see things from their points of view

**PE**

**Elm: Wednesday**

**Beech: Friday**

This half term we will be focussing upon games skills through partner work and small

group games.

**Please ensure all your child’s**

**clothing is clearly labelled**

**with his/her name. Also**

**remember that long hair**

**needs to be tied back and earrings need to be removed. When possible PE will be held outdoors.**

**Rugby**

This will continue during this half term on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure the appropriate clothing for outdoor PE.

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**Art and Design Technology**

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Through the half term we will be making models of space ships and other forms of transport. We will use junk materials as well as construction equipment to make levers, buttons and other parts. We will also be designing and making our own planets.

In art we will be looking at the work of Jackson Pollock and using his paintings to explore colour and inspire work within the theme of space as well as having various art media available for the children to explore.



**Geography and History**

The main focus will be upon geography and the ‘space’ we have around us building upon their knowledge of the school and the key human and physical features of the surrounding environment. We will also use maps to observe various scales.

History will relate to the progress in space exploration where children will research facts and use vocabulary associated with time. Neil Armstrong will be the focus for our significant individual this half term.

**Religious Education**

Following the schools religious program we will be looking at and learning from parables. How important these are in teaching us to live a good life.



**ICT**

This half term the children will be exploring the 2Paint software. Once they have learned how to use

the tools it offers they

will use their knowledge

and understanding to

create their own

space launch picture.

**Music**

This half term the children will explore elements of The Planet Suite by Gustav Holst. The children will also listen to other space themed music before

creating their own Space Rocket

Adventure composition with

parts to shown the launch,

orbit, space walk and return

to planet Earth.



**Wildlife Area (forest school)**

**The class will continue to visit the Wildlife area**

The children will be learning about the seasonal changes

between Spring and Summer.





#### Things to help your child (Homework)

**Maths Homework** Maths homework is ready for children to access on line every. There will be 5 weeks of online homework with further opportunities to access previous homework (and gain more points) through the ‘library’ section. Please speak to your child’s class teacher if you have any problems accessing this.

# **Reading** The children will continue to bring reading and library books home. They are encouraged to read at home at least three times during the week. This does not have to be a whole book at a time although evidence of their reading must be written in their reading record book.

Please encourage your children to hand their home-readers and record books to their teacher when they have finished their reading book at home and their reading record has been signed by an adult so we can get books changed as required. We expect books to be read at least twice to help with fluency. Elm class will change books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, if there is evidence of reading.

# We continue to visit the library each week and children are allowed to take out a book if they are members and have their library card with them. Children will not be able to get books out if they already have overdue books that have not been returned.

# **Spellings** Spelling lists will be given each Friday to be learned for a short test the following Friday.

# **Talking**

Encourage children to appreciate and to take care of their surroundings, the space they have around them. Discuss differences between day and night times and the feelings that they have about them.

# **Out and About**

Draw attention to the sky during the day and at night. Encourage children to notice the changes that are happening at his time of the year.

**Other Activities Out of School**

We love to hear about or see what your children have been doing at home whether related to our topic or not.

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 carer.