

Grange View C.E



First School



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

Mrs Chapman
And Miss Darlow



Brilliant

Britain

Spring Term (1)

PE- Gymnastics

On a Monday Elm and Beech class will be starting to do rugby/multi skills. This may be outside so please make sure your child always has a school jumper.



Elm and Beech class will be doing Gymnastics on a **Wednesday** from now on.

PLEASE ENSURE THEY WEAR THEIR PE KITS AND HAVE EARRINGS REMOVED.

RE -



This half term the children will be exploring '**Special books**'

They will be learning all about the old and new testament within the bible. They will learn stories and sort them as well as thinking about the message that Christians take from each of these stories.

They will also be exploring where in the world they might find a Christian.

Safer internet Day - Tues 8th Feb

This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores reliability online. The campaign focuses on knowing what to trust online and supporting young people to question, challenge and change the online world.



The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, and can help us see the world from different points of view. But how do we separate fact from fiction, the genuine from the misleading? How do we decide what to believe online, and what's the impact of dealing with fake content and experiences online?

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally with the slogan: Together for a better internet.

PSHE

The theme this term is 'Living in the wider world'. During the term, they will discuss what rules are, how they care for their environment and others and what belonging to a group or community means. They will also consider the use of the internet and how to stay safe online. Elm's value is trust whereas Beech's is forgiveness.

History/Geography

This half the children will be learning all about Britain. They will be learning the countries that make up the UK as well as their capital cities. When learning about London they will stepping back in time to learn about the Great Fire of London.

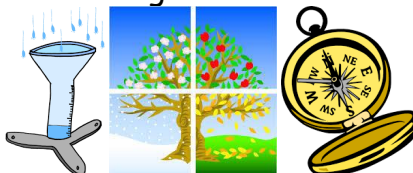
This will be covered in history and in English where the children will be writing diaries, reports and exploring describing words.



Science -

The children are going to be learning all about the human body this half term.

They will name and label the parts of the body before measuring their hands and feet and comparing them to their friends. They will also be thinking about their 5 senses.



They will also read the story funny bones which will lead them on to exploring skeletons and bones.

They will explore the importance and use of bones in bodies.

Numeracy:

In Year 1 we will working on 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. They will continue to practice fluency and pace through Friday maths games and activities. This half term is packed with new maths knowledge that the children will be able to practice more at home on **Mathletics**.

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

Last year we 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: Diary and report writing.

They will be using their senses work within Science to try and elevate their writing using sensory adjectives.

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.

ICT -

Throughout the term the children will be developing lots of different ICT skills. They will be using the chrome books to collect information and store data, asking closed questions to sort data using a branching database.



Later in the term they will be using technology to create and present data in bar and pictograms using the simple programs within j2e on school 360.

Art/DT

Following on from the history learning the children will be creating their own model home from the 1600's.

They will design and make using boxes and paper to be used as part of a display and a special surprise at the end of the topic.

The children will also have time to look at paintings and drawings from the time of the Great Fire and will be looking at the colours that are used. They will think about what the artist is trying to tell us and what they think about each image.



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. J2blast on school 360 is fantastic fun for timestable practise!

Maths / English Homework - Children will be given some Maths Homework on Busy things on School 360, or through our new School jam online portal for maths homework. 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.

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

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. **It is intended for forest school to be Tuesday (Elm) and Friday (Beech)**

We are intending to do **PE on a Monday and Wednesday (Elm and Beech)** so please ensure children come to school on those days in black jogging bottoms and school PE top.

Finally, if your child has had their ears pierced - ideally the earrings **should be removed** for PE if not they should be taped up. We cannot have contact due to COVID.

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