

Grange View C.E



First School



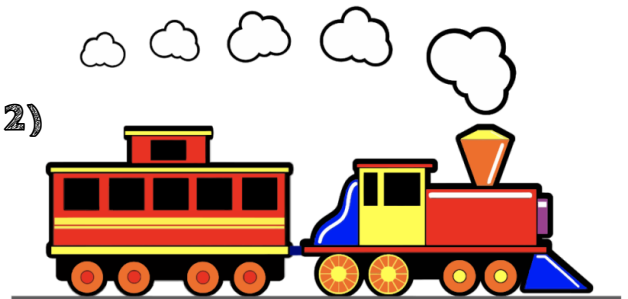
Welcome to this half terms'
Topic Information letter for
Elm and Beech Class

Miss Darlow
and Mrs Chapman



Travelers Tales

Summer Term (2)



Maths:

In maths this half term the children in year 1 will be recapping place value but with larger numbers all the way up to 100, learning about money and time.

In year 2 the children will be doing lots of recapping, consolidating and building up speed with different maths methods. They will be able to apply the skills they have learned to solve more complex problems. Alongside this the children will be learning about time and mass.

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

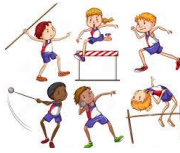
We use a pen pals system in school, where they do daily letter join practise. There are many ways you can help build muscle strength for your child - please ask us for suggestions.

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 - Athletics

We will be moving to field sports this term. Both year groups will be using the Tops athletics cards to develop skills such as throwing, jumping, running and skipping.



PE will be delivered by Mrs Cessford on a **Monday for Elm and Thursday for Beech**. Also all KS1

children will start developing further skills whilst Y3 go swimming on Wednesdays.

PLEASE ENSURE THEY WEAR THEIR PE KITS AND HAVE EARRINGS REMOVED

RE - Hinduism and Christianity



This half term the children will be exploring weddings in different faiths.

They will be learning about Christian and Hindu weddings and the symbols you may encounter at them both.

The children will be comparing and contrasting the different ceremonies and thinking about their own experiences.

Science - living things and staying healthy

This half term the children will be revisiting many of the Scientific concepts they have learnt this year starting with living things and the importance of staying healthy.



They will also be contrasting different living things, comparing the features of animal groups such as aquatic and birds.

PSHE

The theme this half term is 'Health and wellbeing'. During the term, they will discuss about how their body changes due to emotions, changes and growing older. They will also consider how to stay safe both at home, in the wider community and online.

Y1s value is trust, Y2s forgiveness and Y3's respect.

ICT - Animations

Following their work on algorithms and scratch last term, the children will be considering the series of instructions needed for an animation. Starting with simple programming and drawing to build a stop motion animation and then returning to scratch to compare the media.



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 - READING BOOKS ARE CHANGED ON A THURSDAY READY TO RETURN HOME ON FRIDAYS.

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.*

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 times table practise!**

Maths / English Homework - Children will be given some Maths Homework on Mathletics each week alongside the opportunity to practise their times table and spellings on j2blast. In addition, Year 3 are expected to complete at least three sessions on Times Table Rock Stars each week. All homework 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 (Elm), Thursday (Beech) and Wednesday (Year 1 & 2)** while Year 3 go swimming on this afternoon. 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.

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