

Elm Class Parent Newsletter

9th January 2020



Dear Elm Class Parents,

Welcome back from the Christmas holidays, I hope you enjoyed some well-deserved rest. This term we will have PE on Friday afternoons with Miss Sutton, starting with Games and then moving onto Gymnastics. On Monday afternoons we will begin our exciting Forest School sessions, please make sure you bring in warm and water proof clothes to explore the outdoors in, as well as welly boots and warm socks.

Please see the Curriculum Plan for our topics and learning for this Spring Term.

Home learning:

Please can you read with your child at least three times a week and practice spellings regularly. In class we will read for 30 minutes each day at our own level and we will endeavour to hear individual readers also, although this will vary from week to week. The spelling lists will continue to come home in reading records and are tested on Monday mornings.

Common word lists: Your child will come home with a list of words for their ability. These are for learning across the next two terms and will have two tick boxes: R for reading and W for writing. When your child can read or write the common word, place a tick in the box for them to see their progress. They could also colour in the word once they know it, to see how they are building their learning. We will not test these in school, but learn to read and write them in sessions together.

Maths- Please learn number bonds to 10 such as $3 + 7$ and $5 + 5$ and when confident in these, the same to 20. Children who are secure in these can progress to bonds to 100 and then the 2, 10 and 5 times tables. For those children already proficient in these, learning the 3 times table would be greatly appreciated.

For interactive games see:

www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button.

Other useful websites for learning include:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.spellingplay.co.uk

www.nrich.maths.org

There are a number of good learning apps for reading such as Teach Your Monster to Read and for maths skills, Squeebles and Monster Maths.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Hazel Sutton