

Dear Elm Class Parents,

Welcome back and welcome to Elm Class Year 1!

This term, we will be focusing on settling children into our new routines and how to stay safe in school. If you would like more details on topics, please see the Curriculum Plan, which has been adjusted for Autumn Term 2020.

PE will be on a Tuesday each week.

Reading

Please can you read with your child at least three times a week. Each child will be given a couple of books to read at home with you, which they can change on a Monday or a Friday. In class, we will read for 30 minutes each day at our own level through Daily Supported Reading (DSR), but we will endeavour to hear individual readers as well (although this will vary from week to week).

Spellings

Each week, your child will be given a list of spellings for them to learn. The spelling lists will come home in reading records and are tested on Monday mornings. We do not feedback on scores unless the children wish to write this in themselves and we will make sure they do not feel pressured about these.

Maths

Please can you help your children to practise their number bonds to 10 (such as $3 + 7 = 10$ and $5 + 5 = 10$). Once they are feeling confident with these, then you can progress on to numbers to 20. Children who are secure in these can progress to bonds to 100 and then the 2, 10 and 5 times tables.

Interactive games

If you would like some suggestions for interactive games to support your child, then you could try out these sites:

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.

Mrs Owen