

Elm Newsletter Autumn 1

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic and safe summer. We are very excited to begin the new academic year and start all the hard work whilst having lots of fun. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Elm team. We are happy to help. We are really looking forward to working with you to make sure that your child fulfils their potential and has the best learning experience. The best help you can give is to make sure your child attends every day on time. Attending every day enables them to build upon their learning and helps their understanding. Every school day is planned to help your child to achieve, so excellent attendance is vital. Please also ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast e.g. cereal, with lots of early nights, to ensure they can concentrate fully and give their best.

LITERACY

This term we will be reading the books: Iggy Peck Architect, Beegu and Meerkat Mail. We will use these books to help us write lots of amazing and imaginative writing pieces, such as fact files and letters. We will also be completing writing activities to help us understand what nouns, verbs and adjectives are. As well as this, we will be building confidence by reading our work to others and performing poems using a range of actions, chosen by the children.

Key vocabulary:

adjectives	letter formation
punctuation	full stops
capital letters	finger spaces

Mathematics

This term, we will begin by learning about the number system and place value before looking at addition and subtraction.

Homework for Maths will be set using Mathletics on a weekly basis (Mondays). If your child requires computer access in school time, or you would prefer paper copies, please let us know.

Times tables (2s, 5s and 10s) will also be a key focus throughout the year and you can help your child by practising these with them too.

Key vocabulary:

tens	ones	digit	more	less
add	plus	subtract	minus	

Phonics

Phonics will take place twice a day. In the morning, we will practise our sounds making sure we can read them speedily. We will also practise blending sounds together to read words and will be segmenting sounds to spell words.

In the afternoons, we will have a storybook session. Each group will have one storybook session a week and will bring their storybook home for the week after their session. Please keep reading books in your child's book bag, so they can be changed on the right day.

SCIENCE

In science, our topic this term will be 'Animals including humans'. We will begin by looking at humans, learning different parts of the body and about how we use our senses to explore the world. We will also learn what humans need to survive and stay healthy as well as the looking at the human life cycle.

Key vocabulary:

senses	sight	smell	hearing
touch	taste	texture	
	healthy	hygiene	
	life cycle	baby	
	toddler	child	
	teenager	adult	



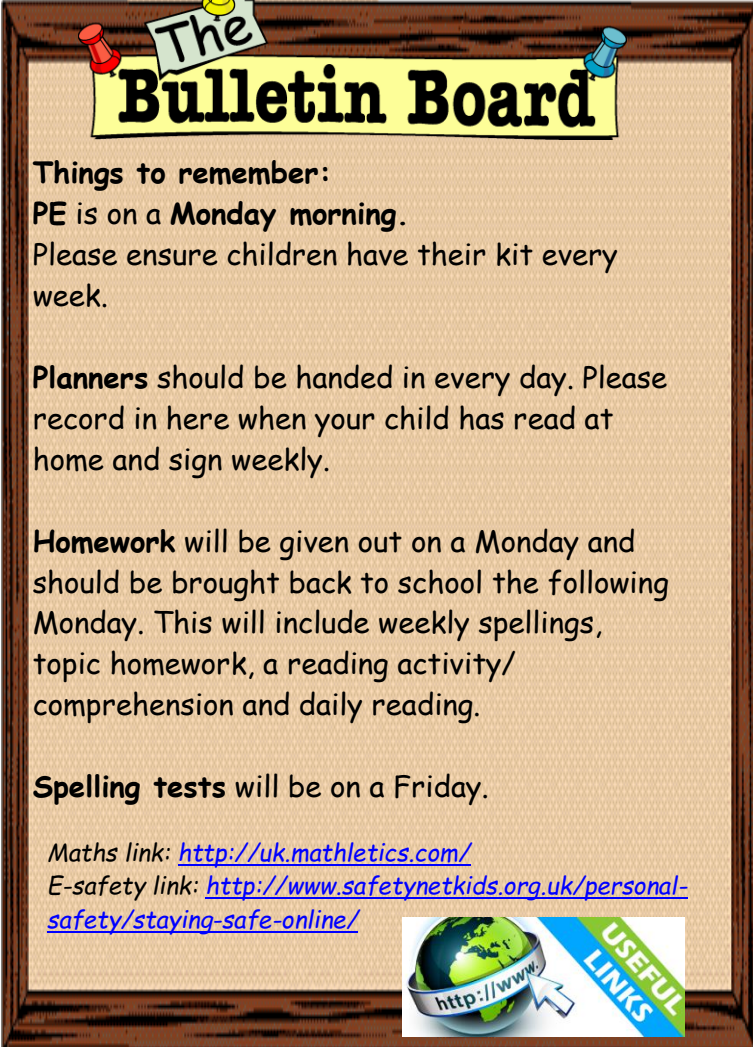
Other Curriculum Areas

Geography - This term we are learning all about our local area. We will be thinking about what we might find in our local area, exploring human and physical features and learning how to use maps.

PE - This term, we will be focusing on athletic skills, such as the long jump and a variety of relays.

PSHE - This term, we will be reading the book 'Here We Are.' We will then think about how special our Earth is, as well as all the creatures who live here. Children will think about what they like about the Earth and how we can help look after it.

Computing - This term, we will be using the computers to access our new Teams accounts.



The Bulletin Board



Things to remember:
PE is on a **Monday morning**.
 Please ensure children have their kit every week.

Planners should be handed in every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

Homework will be given out on a Monday and should be brought back to school the following Monday. This will include weekly spellings, topic homework, a reading activity/ comprehension and daily reading.

Spelling tests will be on a Friday.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>
 E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Jeans for Genes Day - 18th September.
 Recycling Week - W/C - 21st September
 Anti-Bullying Week - W/C - 28th September
 National Poetry Day - 1st October
 Walk to School Week - W/C - 5th October
 Black History Month - W/C - 12th October
 Flu Immunisations - Tuesday, 13th October
 Break up - Friday, 16th October
 School opens again - Tuesday, 3rd November

Uniform - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

Reading - Elm class pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Books will be changed once a week. Children will bring home a 'storybook' and a 'book bag book' that matches their phonic knowledge.