

Elm Class Newsletter Spring 1 2024



Firstly, Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had a great Christmas and are looking forward to the term ahead. A big thank you to you all for your lovely Christmas cards, gifts and well wishes. They are very much appreciated.

Welcome to the Spring term! It is one much shorter than the Autumn term but we have lots to do and plenty of exciting learning still to come.

We continue to work closely as a team throughout the week and are happy to answer any questions that you may have either at the end of the school day or via our class email. Please don't hesitate to contact us. Our class email is

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Mrs Wilcox, Mrs Mills, Mrs Mallen-Freeman and Mrs Payton.

English

We will begin our half term focussing on the story The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis. The trip to the theatre to watch a performance of the story will enhance the children's learning and help bring the story to life.

Our writing will be inspired by our visit to the theatre and the story of The Lion, the witch and the wardrobe. We will then move onto Anglo Saxon stories linking to our History topic.

We continue to practise spellings, handwriting, reading and comprehension skills.

R.E.

In R.E lessons children will be considering 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' We will look at the action of Jesus and disciples and how this affects lives of Christians today throughout the world.

History

In History we will be answering the question 'Why did the Anglo-Saxons and Scots settle in Britain?'

Art

In Art we will be exploring still life.

French

We will be learning the story of Little Red Riding Hood in French.

Computing

In Computing we will be learning about programming. Children will explore the concept of sequencing in programming and create a program by planning, modifying and testing commands.

Music

We are continuing to learn the Young Voices songs and then we will move onto playing the glockenspiels.

Maths

This half term we will continue to practice and develop our knowledge of place value and continue to improve our understanding of the calculation strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Children will begin some work on fractions and be given regular opportunities to improve their problem solving skills. Everyday, we will continue to practice our times tables. Please ensure your child is practicing them regularly at home too.

Science

In Science we will finish our unit on States of Matter and find answers to 'How do materials change in response to heating and cooling?' To find the answer we will carry out investigations after making predictions, carefully formulating a plan and record our findings. We will also explore the question, 'How can some parts of the world have too much water and another country not have enough?'

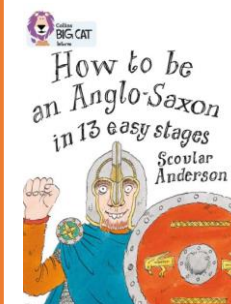
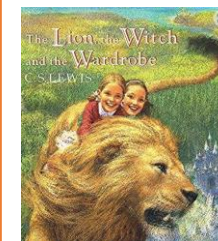
Reading at home

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home (at least 4x per week). It's important to record what they have read in their diaries. Diaries are checked daily by a member of staff. Children can write the title of the book they have read and the page number they have got up to. Please then check and initial your child's diary.

Seesaw

Please ensure you have all set up and logged into your Seesaw account. We will begin to use this more to share the children's learning in class. Any problems please come and speak to one of us.

This half term we will be reading ...



Key information:

- **Swimming** is continuing this half term. Please ensure your child's swimming kit including a swimming hat, all clearly labelled is in school on **Monday 15th and Monday 29th January.**
- **PE** sessions take place on a **Friday.** Please ensure your child's kit is in school all clearly labelled.
- **Forest School** continues to be on alternate Tuesday's. **Year 3's** first session is on **Tuesday 9th January** and **Year 4's** first session is on **Tuesday 16th January.**

Key dates

Wednesday 7th February - Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th February - Wear your scarf to school (part of Thursday 8th February - Wear your scarf to school (part of Wellbeing Week)
Friday 9th February - Last day of term