

Elm Class Curriculum Update

Summer 2022



CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Literacy:

A large part of our English this half term will be using the Read, Write, Inc scheme of work. This introduces the children to an array of different texts, both fiction and non-fiction. They will look at one text per week, which they explore in detail before using the text to influence their own writing.

The children's excellent work using Accelerated Reader will continue. Please continue to support your child by listening to them read at home. This really does play an integral role in their learning and comprehension skills. I also advise that the children use Bedrock Vocabulary Learning at least twice a week for consistent improvement. We will continue to refine our joined handwriting, as this is an expectation for Year 3, whilst also working on their speed and accuracy. The children will still receive their weekly spellings on a Monday ready for their spelling test on the Friday.

Numeracy:

For the first half term we will be consolidating the learning from last term. This will cover multiplication and division and relies heavily on embedding our times tables. We will be moving on to concentrate on money and statistics whilst still using the skills we have learnt in previous terms. In the second half of the term, we will be covering fractions.

Every week the pupils will also have a chance to work on their problem solving and mental arithmetic skills. They will also be using TT Rockstar and NumBots to help them with their times tables and are encouraged to continue this practice at home at least 2 times a week.

Topic:

Our topic this term is '**Full steam Ahead**' which looks at the history of the railways in Britain. We will be looking closely at Rocket, The flying Scotsman, Mallard and Evening star. We will also be looking at the major railway lines and how they have impacted on our country.

P.E.:

P.E. Days are Tuesday and Friday so please ensure the children have their kits for these days. This term they will be learning orienteering skills through outdoor adventures, Rounders and then ending the summer term with Athletics and Basketball.

Science:

This term the children will be looking at plants. They will be looking at the different parts of a plant and their functions as well as what conditions need to be met to promote healthy growth of a plant. They will be growing their own plants under various conditions to explore these questions. They will also discover the relationship between plants and bees and other insects and learn how flowers transform into fruits and seeds to perpetuate the cycle of life. Throughout the unit they will set up simple tests and make predictions based on scientific reasoning.

Key Stage 2 Rotation:

Monday afternoons see our year 3-6 classes engage in 'enrichment' activities. These include Music, P.E., French and Computing. For this half term they will be taking part in P.E. and Computing.

DT:

This term sees the children investigating a variety of different vehicles before undertaking the fun task of designing, making and evaluating their own vehicle.

Art:

This term the children will be introduced to the British artist LS Lowry and his paintings. They will learn about his life and discuss his paintings before looking in closer detail at his 'matchstick men' and his use of colour. Children will use all they have learnt about Lowry's style of painting to create their own composite painting.

PSHE:

This term we will be focusing on SRE. The children will be looking at differences between males and females and how we all grow up. They will look at family trees and life cycles as well as human development. They will also be looking at where we all come from, focusing on the growth of a baby.