Elm Class Curriculum Update - Summer 2023







Literacy:

This term, our class texts will be Zoo by Anthony Browne and Stories for Children by Oscar Wilde. The children will be writing letters of complaint, balanced arguments, extending narratives, character descriptions, alternative endings and short traditional tales. We will study the text in depth, looking at the characters and themes in the stories, and develop children's comprehension skills through careful questioning. Children should be reading regularly at home. 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 the Bedrock Vocabulary App 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 be tested on their spellings, and learn and practice the upcoming week's spellings, on a Monday. Handwriting and spelling overviews can be found on the school website or in your child's homework book.

Numeracy:

During the Summer Term, we will be covering fractions, money, shape, statistics and time. We will also be revisiting arithmetic methods for the four operations to consolidate the children's learning and in preparation for Year 4!

Children will regularly practice their x tables in school; however, children should also be using TTRS to help them learn their times tables and are encouraged to continue this practise at home at least 2 times a week.

Children can also use the homework grid for ideas to support our learning on time, money and shape.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Ancient Greeks' during which the pupils will learn more about the culture and key events of the time period. They will examine how Alexander the Great's Empire grew and the impact this had on the Greek Empire, research the aspects of daily life and society in Ancient Greece and study the battle of Marathon.

P.E.:

P.E. Days are Monday and Wednesday so please ensure the children have their kits for these days. This term they will be doing adventurous outdoor activity, rounders, athletics and netball. We will be entering the Sudbury and Haverhill Virtual

Art

In Art, children will design and create their own Ancient Greek vases and create their own model pantheon!

Science:

During the Summer Term, Children will be learning about Plants! Children will name the different parts of flowering plants and explain their jobs, investigate how water is transported in plants, understand the life cycle of plants and look at pollination and fertilisation.

As part of their home learning, children are encouraged to grow a sunflower and there is a prize for the winner! :-)

Key Stage 2 Rotation:

Monday afternoons see our year 3-6 classes engage in 'enrichment' activities. These include Music, R.E., French and Computing. During the first half term, in R.E. children will look at Sikhism and Judaism, and have music with Miss Warner!

In the second half term, Year 3 will learn coding in computing with Miss Anderson and have French with Mr Davies!

PSHE:

This term we will be focusing on 'Relationships during the first half term, looking at the roles and responsibilities of family members and reflect on the expectations for males and females. The children will also look at what makes a good friend and how to show their appreciation to friends and family. After half term, children will study the topic 'Healthy Me'.

Other Information:

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