

Elm Class Curriculum Update

Summer 2021



CLARE COMMUNITY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Literacy:

A large Part of our English this half term will be looking at stories written by the same author. We will be using Anne Fine's 'Diary of a Killer Cat' and 'Bill's New Frock'. This will be used as inspiration for the children to write their own short stories. They will also be looking at Ancient Greek myths in order to inspire their own myth stories. We will also have a unit dedicated to explanation texts where the children will explore this writing style before creating their own explanation text based around their scientific learning from this term. The children will look further at their use of speech marks to punctuate dialogue as well at their use of tense within their 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 '**Gods and Temples**' during which the pupils will learn more about the Ancient Greeks. They will look at the impact that Alexander the Great had on Ancient Greece and the many different gods and goddesses. They will find out about the original Olympic games and cover what life was like for the children of Ancient Greece.

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 ball control and batting skills through Cricket, Rounders and Tennis and then ending the summer term with Athletics.

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, R.E., French and Computing. For this half term they will be taking part in Music and French.

DT:

This term sees the children creating their own boxes based on Pandora's box. They will be looking at how to use and create nets, as well as various different lid types. They will then decorate their boxes based on Greek patterns.

Art:

This term the children will be introduced to Ancient Greek theatre and will be creating their own Greek masks. They will look at how to create a papier-mâché mask and use this to create facial expressions. They will then add extra details such as hair or make up.

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.

Mantle of the Expert:

The Mantle of the Expert project for this term is inspired by our topic. It will see the children be hired to create a brand-new museum based solely around Ancient Greece. They will be in charge of research and identifying and creating the appropriate relics and artefacts. Through this project, the children will learn to work together in order to create their final product.