



Elm Class Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back to school!

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and recharged the batteries. Once again, it seems to have flown by!

The children have all settled in really well over the first week of term. They are adjusting to the new routine which is much more structured than they are used to.

What we are learning this term:

This term our main topic will be 'Superheroes'. In this topic we will be thinking about what makes a good superhero, designing superhero masks and capes and creating some superhero inspired artwork to decorate our topic display board. We will also consider who are real-life superheroes and be learning about the emergency services and all the other people who help to look after us.

In RE we will be looking at the Creation Story and also developing our own Class Charter.

Our science work will be based around our anatomy and the 5 senses, which we will explore in a very practical way through smell, touch, taste and listening activities.

Reading Books

This year I will try and hear each child read and change reading books on a daily basis. Children will also take part in guided reading groups throughout the week with either myself, or a teaching assistant. We are also going to do whole class guided reading. Please ensure that you are reading a variety of literature with your child at home, this could be anything from recipe books to comics and magazines. The school reading scheme is designed to enable us to gauge a child's reading level, but does not inspire them to become readers when used in isolation.

Snacks and milk

In Year 1, we only have one snack during the day which is a piece of fruit provided by the school. Therefore it is entirely up to you if you want to send in any extra. If you wish for your child to continue having milk this year, please see Mrs Heath in the office for details on how to sign up for this.

Library on Thursdays

We will visit the School library every Thursday afternoon. This is an opportunity for everyone to choose their own book. Each child is allowed to borrow up to a maximum of 5 books at a time. Any that need changing will need to be in books bags on a Thursday.

PE

This year we will be doing PE on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Miss Long will be taking the children for the Wednesday session and I will take the Tuesday morning one. **Please ensure that ALL uniform and PE kit is clearly named! Thank you.**

End of Day

While I am getting to know all the new faces at pick-up time, please try and come up to the Elm Class gate to collect your child at the end of each day. I will always get the children to point out who is picking them up, but in a sea of faces, people can sometimes be hard to spot! It is also the best time to grab me for a quick chat if you would like.

In the Mornings

It would be really nice now that the children have settled in to the year one routine that they bring themselves into class independently. There will always be someone on the door that you can give a message to. I will always keep an eye out for the children as they enter the school building.

Homework

Homework will be set once a week. I will send it home on a Thursday and it will need to be returned by the following Wednesday.