



## **Elm Class Spring Term Newsletter**

### Happy New Year!

I hope that you have all had a really lovely Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very 'Happy New Year'. The children have all settled quickly and made a great start, it has been lovely to hear their news.

### What we are learning this term:

This term our topic is called 'Bright Lights, Big City' and we are learning lots about London. We have started off by learning about 'The Great Fire Of London' and will go on to look at some major London landmarks. The children are really enjoying the topic so far and have enjoyed sharing their past experiences of going to London. Our topic after half term is called 'Moon Zoom' and we are going to be designing our own rockets and learning about forces to enable them to move.

### HOMEWORK

I will continue to allocate maths games which the children can access on [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk). These will always relate to the current learning in class, so the children should be able to complete these independently.

**If you ever have any questions or concerns that you wish to discuss please catch me at the end of the day, I am always happy to talk things through.**

### Literacy

We have started this term with a poetry unit, based on Humorous poetry. We are beginning by looking at words that rhyme.

### Maths

We have started the term by revising our bonds to 5 and 10. We are going to be moving on to addition and subtraction over the next week.

### Science

We are going to be looking at the changes in the weather that take place as the seasons change.

We are also going to be learning about different materials and what they are used for.

### Phonics Screenings

In June, all Year 1 children will take part in a national phonics screening. This consists of them reading 40 words, getting progressively harder.

All children are taught phonics on a daily basis and I will continue to do this as well as provide extra sessions for those children that may need it.

Any questions please come and see me.

