



Elm Class Newsletter Spring 2025

Taught by: Miss McLaughlin (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday), Mrs Archer (Wednesday), Mrs Kelley (HLTA) and Miss King (TA on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday morning).

Happy New Year. We hope you are feeling rested after the winter break. We are excited to hit the ground running with our new topics this term!

Our PE days have now changed and will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has the required PE kit on these days.

Key areas to support your child at home:

- **Times tables** - Your child has a log in for TT Rockstars. Please ensure they are accessing this regularly. Times tables underpin a number of complex mathematical concepts in Upper Key Stage 2 and beyond) and being secure in them really supports children in their ability to tackle such concepts.
- **Reading** - schedule a time of day for your child to read. Developing good reading habits in primary school is crucial for their future learning.
- **Spellings** - dedicating regular time for your child to practice the weekly spellings so that they feel prepared for the Monday test.

In English we are covering:

Non Fiction Speech: Refugees

Narrative Mystery: The Nowhere Emporium by Ross Mackenzie.

Persuasive Letter: Kick by Mitch Johnson

Spelling Your child will be practising phonic patterns, spelling rules and their own personal spelling mistakes. We encourage children to take ownership of their own spelling, correcting any mistakes accordingly. Spellings will continue to be handed out on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

Reading We continue to teach a specific reading lesson every day. Your child will develop their reading skills through inference, deduction, retrieval and prediction lessons. To support your child, it is essential you read at home with them at least 3 times a week and have discussions about the text. Please complete the reading record and sign so your child is awarded raffle tickets linked to our class reward system. We will be focussing on the text 'Kick' in our reading lessons.

ALL CHILDREN ARE SIGNED UP TO OXFORD READING BUDDY AND PASSWORDS WERE SENT HOME BEFORE THE HOLIDAY.

Homework

Homework will continue to be handed out on a Monday and due in the following Monday. The content of homework will vary according to what we are learning but will generally be a consolidation of prior Maths/ English learning.

In Maths we are covering:

- **Multiplication and Division**

This includes:

1. Multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a one or two-digit number using a formal written method, including long multiplication for two-digit numbers.
2. Multiply multi-digit numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using the formal written method of long multiplication.

$$1207 \times 36 = 32242$$

		1	2	0	7	
	x			3	6	
+		7	2	4	2	
		3	6	2	1	0
		4	3	4	5	2
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When multiplying by the ones place the exchanged digit on this line in the correct column

When multiplying by the tens place the exchanged digit on this line in the correct column

3. Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a one-digit number using the formal written method of short division and interpret remainders appropriately for the context.

- **Fractions**
- **Decimals and Percentages**
- **Perimeter and Area**
- **Statistics**

Science - Properties of Materials

ICT - Creating media - webpage creation E-safety - self image and identity and data information - spreadsheets E-safety - Managing online information

History - Civil War - Battle of Marston Moor

PE - Hockey and REAL PE. We are also having sessions with Leeds United and Mrs Fenton Green from PHGS.

Art - Drawing using tone

DT - Mechanisms - pop up books

Music - Make you Feel my Love

PSHCE - Safety and the changing body. Citizenship.

French - French speaking world

Geography - The Water Cycle

RE - What values are show in codes for living? And Easter focus.

Additional Notes:

- Please send a fresh water bottle daily. The children have regular access to these throughout the day.
- Children are allowed a healthy morning snack after break. Please support your child to make healthy snack choices.
- Book change days are Monday and Friday. Children are encouraged to be independent in handing books in for changing.

I just wanted to add how well Elm class did last term. They have made amazing progress from their starting points and have blown us away with their amazing attitude to learning. I know they will continue to go from strength to strength in this new year.



20.01.25	Author visit James Campbell
W/B 27.01.25	National story telling week
11.02.25	Safer Internet Day
11.02.25	NSPCC online safety event at PHGS for parents and carers
17-21.02.25	Half Term
05.03.25	Parent Consultation afternoon and evening
07.03.25	World Book Day
14.03.25	Red Nose Day
03.04.25	Friends of Ashfield Easter Disco (tbc)