



Elm Class Newsletter Autumn 2024

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

Welcome to Elm class! We are excited to welcome your child into year 5. They have made an AMAZING start to the new term and have returned with such a positive attitude and clear regard for our behaviour policy. I am very proud of how well they have settled and excited to support them in their next step into Upper Key Stage 2.

Please support your child with:

- Bringing a freshly filled water bottle each day.
- Following the uniform policy strictly - shoes must be black
- Ensuring their P.E kit is in school every day (black shorts, white t shirt, black joggers and black jumper.) The children will be expected to come to school in their uniform every day. On P.E days they will change into their P.E kit in school.
- Handing in homework on time and to a good standard
- Reading at home with your child at least 3 times a week and practising their times tables.

In English we are: exploring the poem 'The Highwayman' and will be using drama to enhance our learning and understanding of the poem. We will also be exploring narrative adventure writing inspired by the video 'One Small Step' by Taiko Studios.

Topics will involve:

- Descriptive language
- Drama
- Discussion of emotion linked to points within the poem
- Reciting our poems including actions
- Understanding the different stanzas and points of the poem
- Learning grammar and spelling rules
- Using ambitious and sophisticated vocabulary
- Ensuring perfect punctuation

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.

Reading We 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 their reading dojos. We will be focussing on the text 'Cosmic' in our reading lessons.

In Maths we are:

- Reading and writing numbers to 100 000
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- Comparing numbers to 1000 000
- Making number patterns
- Rounding numbers to the nearest 10 000 and 100 000
- Counting On to Add
- Adding within 100 000
- Counting backwards to Subtract
- Subtracting within 1000 000
- Adding and Subtracting within 1000 000
- Finding Multiples
- Finding Factors
- Finding Common Factors
- Finding Prime Numbers
- Prime Numbers and Composite Numbers
- Multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000
- Multiplying 2 - Digit and 3 - Digit Numbers by a Single Digit
- Multiplying 4 - Digit Numbers
- Multiplying 2 - Digit Number by a 2 - Digit Number
- Multiplying a 3 - Digit Number by a 2 - Digit Number
- Dividing by 10, 100 and 1000
- Dividing without a Remainder
- Dividing with a Remainder
- Whole Number Word Problems
- Graphs
- Fractions

It is essential that, by Year 5, your child knows their times tables off by heart. This is something that can be practised regularly at home on TT Rock Stars and Hit The Button.

Science - Earth and Space. Forces.

ICT - Computing systems and networks - Sharing information

Creating Media - 3d modelling

E Safety

History - Benin

PE - Real P.E and gymnastics

Art - Clay Modelling - Benin Masks

DT - Textiles - stuffed toys

Music - Rock music. Analysing, listening and composition.

PSHCE - Family and relationships. Health and Wellbeing

French - Space exploration in French. Shopping in France.

Geography - Mountains - Comparing the Chevin to the Alps.

RE - Why are some journeys and places special?

PE - In Autumn 1 the days are Monday and Friday. We will keep you updated of any changes in Autumn 2.

Homework

Homework is 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.

Reading - Children must hand in their reading records on a **Monday** morning. They must read at least 3 times a week and have their record signed by an adult. Children who read will be rewarded with raffle tickets, which is part of our whole class reward system

Spellings - Spellings are handed out on a **Monday** and your child will be tested on these the following Monday. Spelling homework must be handed in on a **Monday**.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday	12 th September	Footloose dance workshops
Friday	13 th September	Meet the teacher (all classes)
Monday	16 th September	Race horse visit to school
Tuesday	17 th September	3:30 Friends of Ashfield - staffroom
Saturday	21 st September	Community Clear Up Day - wild life area 10:00 - 1:00
Sunday	29 th September	World Rivers Day
Thursday	3 rd October	Individual photo day
Friday	4 th October	Harvest Festival 2pm
Monday	7 th October	Judo Y1-Y6
Thursday	10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday	17 th October	Friends of Ashfield fancy dress disco 4:15-5:15 EY & KS1 and 5:30-6:30 KS2
W/B Monday	28 th Oct - 1 st Nov	Half Term
W/B Monday	11 th November	Anti Bullying week
Wednesday	13 th November	Parent Carer Consultation
W/B Monday	13 th November	Otley science festival
Friday	15 th November	Children in Need
Saturday	16 th November	Otley science fair @ The Courthouse
W/B Monday	18 th November	SEND Week
Thursday	21 st November	Herd Farm opening night for Y5 parents
Thursday	12 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance at 9:30 and 2:15
Tuesday	17 th December	Christingle at Church KS1 lead 2pm
Thursday	19 th December	Friends of Ashfield Christmas disco 4:15-5:15 EY & KS1, 5:30-6:30 KS2
Ws/B Monday	23 rd Dec -3rd Jan	Christmas Holidays