



Elm Class Newsletter Spring 2023

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We are very excited to begin our summer term where we will be preparing for our transition into Year 6. We have lots to look forward to such as our wildlife sessions, a visit to Headingley Water Treatment Works, transition day at Prince Henrys and a farm day at Bland Close Farm. . We are excited to make more use of our beautiful grounds with more outdoor learning in the sunshine!

PE: Mondays and Fridays.

Shoes: Children should wear black shoes or plain black trainers.

Water: Water should be brought from home each morning in a clean bottle.

Clothing: Please make sure all items of clothing have names written on. Please send your child into school with their sun-cream already applied if needed. The children can top it up themselves if needed at lunch but before school is preferable.

Homework:

Please support your child to become more organised with handing homework in on time. This is to develop their organisational skills so they are used to routines ready for their transition to high school.

Monday spellings: Spellings are given out every Monday and the children will be tested on them the following Monday. Children's spelling homework is to complete the sheet given to them. Children can practise their spellings online on the spelling shed (log ins are in their reading records).

Friday maths: Maths homework is stuck inside your child's red maths book. They must complete this showing workings for the following Friday so we can mark and support them if needed. If your child is struggling with this they must come and see us within the week so we can support them and also meet the Friday deadline. 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 Times Tables Rockstars.

Reading - Reading should be done at **least 3 times a week**. Please note down in their reading record when you have read with your child. Be sure to test their comprehension skills by discussing the text using the prompt questions on their bookmark.

Reminders:

- Children should wear black shoes or plain black trainers. Children must bring a school jumper to school every day (even on P.E days.) Other types of jumpers are not acceptable as school uniform.
- Please make sure all items of clothing have names written on.
- PE is on a Monday and Friday this half term. As the weather can be unpredictable at this time of year, please make sure your child has an appropriate P.E. kit (**shorts and a t-shirt for inside and jogging bottoms and a t-shirt with school jumper for outside**). Football shirts are not acceptable as P.E kit.

Website: have a look at the Elm class page on the website for photographs/videos of all the wonderful learning we have done last term. This is updated regularly with new photographs. You will also find Knowledge Organisers there for the topics being covered this term. These will help you and your child discuss and review their learning at home.

Science - Animals including humans

ICT - Selection in quizzes

French- My French family

History - Captain Oates/ Antarctic Explorers

Art - Ansel Adams - exploring tone.

PE - Real P.E and cricket

R.E - Should we forgive others?

Music - Livin' on a prayer

PSHE - Economic Well - being

Art - David Hockney

In **English** we are exploring the topic child labour through the engaging text 'Kick' by Mitch Johnson.

Topics will involve:

- Recycling
- Human rights
- Persuasive writing
- Letter writing
- Ensuring perfect punctuation.
- Discussion of emotion linked to points within the story.
- Using ambitious and sophisticated vocabulary.
- Learning grammar and spelling rules

Reading: Your child will develop their reading skills through inference, deduction, retrieval and prediction lessons. Your child's progress will improve dramatically if this is reinforced at home, through regular reading with your child, using the reading VIPERS to prompt discussion (a copy is on our class page.)

Just because your child may **sound like a good reader**, do they have a good understanding of the text? Are there any tricky words they may not know the meaning of? Have they been able to predict what may happen next? Do they recognise the use of punctuation?

In **maths** we are continuing with fractions where will will be:

- Adding and subtracting fractions.
- Multiplying fractions.
- Converting mixed numbers to improper fractions.

Decimals:

- Reading and writing decimals.
- Adding and subtracting decimals.
- Rounding decimals.

Percentages:

- Finding percentages of amounts.
- Comparing percentages.

Angles:

- Measuring and naming angles.
- Drawing angles.
- Solving problems.
- Investigating angles at a point.

Position and Movement:

- Naming and plotting points.
- Describing translations.
- Reflections.

Dates for your diary:

25.4.23	Yorkshire Air Ambulance event
Year 2	Chevin Trip
1.5.23	Bank holiday - May Day
8.5.23	Bank Holiday King Charles' Coronation
17.5.23	Year 5 lifecycles workshop
24.5.23	Year 5 lifecycles workshop
25.5.23	ClassPhoto Day
29.5.23-2.6.23	Half Term
5.6.23	Training day
6.6.23	School reopens
8.6.23	Empathy day
17.6.23	Otley Carnival
19-23.6.23	Health Week
21.6.23	Sports Day
21.6.23	Choir event at Leeds Arena
23.6.23	Whole School skateboarding Day
24.06.23	Ashfield Primary Takeover at Chevin Forest Parkrun
26-30.6.23	SEND week
26.6.23	Y5 PHGS experience day
26.6.23	Bike Training on the playground
3.7.23	Bike training on the playground
4.7.23	Y5 trip to Headingley Water Treatment Works
10.7.23	Bike training on the playground
10-14.7.23	Parent consultation
12 - 14.7.23	In school transition
13.7.23	Summer Fair - Friends of Ashfield 4-6pm
14.7.23	Samba event at John Charles Centre - year 5 pupils
18.7.23	Y5 trip to Bland Close Farm