

Elizabeth Class

Curriculum Newsletter: Spring Term 2



Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome back to the second half of spring term!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the class routines and tell you about the topics your child will be learning about this half term.

English

This half term your child will be exploring a range of traditional tales including different versions of the same tale 'Goldilocks'. They will learn the typical features of a traditional tale, begin to make comparisons between characters and events and look for patterns and links between tales. This ties in with our World Book Day theme 'Traditional and Twisted Tales'. World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March. We hope you have your costumes ready!

Maths

Building on their knowledge of division, this term your child will develop their understanding of fractions of shape and number through a range of practical and visual activities. Following this, your child will learn how to present the information that they have been collecting in science about weather patterns in different forms such as tables and charts. They will think about the most effective way of presenting their data and interpret and draw conclusions on the information contained within them.

RE

Through the topic of Opportunities, which links to Holy Week and our Lenten Project: "Follow the Word", your child will consider ways they can prepare themselves during Lent. They will learn about the events of Holy Week and how these are remembered by Christians at this time.

Your child will also be developing their understanding of other religions by investigating Hinduism, specifically how Hindus pray in the home.

Science

This half term your child will also be learning about sound. They will learn that we hear with our ears and to distinguish between different sounds. Also they will use a range of instruments to experiment how to make sounds louder or quieter, begin to associate some sounds with vibration and that vibrations travel through the air to our ears.

Geography

In Geography this term, your child will name and locate the seven continents and five oceans of the world before focusing on two key locations: London and New York. They will learn about the geographical similarities and differences between these cities such as housing, location, river, port, factories, offices and shops. They will use google maps and photos to compare the two cities and identify key landmarks within them.

Computing

In Computing your child will be using different search engines to safely locate and retrieve specific information on New York linked to our geography topic. Once they have completed their research, they will create a power point presentation and present it to their peers.

DT

In DT this term your child will be making kite. To begin, they will be evaluating a range of existing kites and exploring which materials make the best kites before creating their own design. Your child will have the opportunity to use a variety of tools, test their finished products and evaluate their designs.

PE

For indoor PE in this half of the term, your child will be developing their gymnastic sequences incorporating aspects of climbing, jumping and landing techniques. They will be learning how to take off, jump and land safely and effectively while improving the way they coordinate and control their bodies.

In outdoor PE your child will be developing their hand-eye co-ordination and awareness through our striking topic. Your child will explore how accurate footwork, racquet and hand techniques can help them to increase their chance of success in tennis.

Our PE days remain the same with indoor PE taking place on Mondays and outdoor PE on Tuesdays. The children's PE kits should contain tracksuits, shorts, t-shirts and trainers (please ensure girls have additional socks, as they cannot take part in tights). PE kits should be brought in on a Monday and remain in school all week (please ensure that their kits and the rest of their uniform is clearly marked with their name).

PSHE

In this curriculum area, your child will learn about money, where it comes from, how we earn it and how to spend it wisely. Finally, they will learn how to keep their money safe and share this advice with others.

Music

Music will be taught by our music specialist Mr Dixon and our lessons will take place on Fridays.

Homework

The homework remains the same. Please continue to support your child with their reading, spelling and maths targets at home.

Homework Timetable

Tuesday: Spellings sent home

Wednesday: Spelling Sentences book sent home

Thursday: Homework sent home

Monday: All homework is returned

Reading

Your child has been provided with a reading book and we aim to hear your child read twice a week, and change their books on a weekly basis. Reading is the key to your child's success in education and we would love to have some parents support us with this vital part of their learning in school by becoming a reading volunteer. If you would be interested in this role, please speak to a member of our admin team for more information.

As always, if you have any questions regarding any of the information in this letter; or any other matter of concern, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am available at the end of the day to answer quick questions however appointments can be made via the school office to discuss any lengthier matters.

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Miss Crowther
(Elizabeth Class Teacher)