

Elm Class Newsletter Autumn 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good summer and you are all refreshed and ready for a new school year. This term we will be taking a trip back one hundred and fifty years to Victorian Donington. We shall be looking at everyday life in the locality and the changes that have taken place. After half term, we focus on the effect of World War One –especially for the people of Donington. If any of you have any artefacts or information about Donington's history, please feel free to share it with us.

Can I say how impressed I have been with your children's attitude towards the new term. They have settled brilliantly.

Can I also say how smart your children look? Please can you make sure all uniform is clearly labelled with a permanent ink pen or sewn name tape.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Thompson.

Autumn Curriculum

History: A local Study - comparing life in Donington over the past 200 years. This incorporates studying the changes that took place during Queen Victoria's reign. We shall also study Victorian Crime and Punishment.

Geography: Maps skills, identifying land use and the changes in population, infrastructure and transport in Donington since Victorian times.

Science: Earth and Space.

R. E. Religion In Our Neighbourhood. We ask ourselves the question 'How do faith communities differ between a village and a city location?'

D.T.: Textiles - Victorian Cross Stitch.

I.C.T.: Programming. This will be taught by Mrs Kitt.

P.S.H.E: Relationships and citizenship including planning a fundraising event.

Music and Art will be taught by Mrs Skanski Such on Tuesdays.

French: Where we live and Christmas. (This will be in the form of a French day.)

P.E. will be on Thursdays and Fridays. (Please have indoor and outdoor kit in school on these days.)

Homework

Homework will be issued on Fridays and will consist of a Maths and English task. There will be a topic or science activity too.

Homework should be handed in the following Thursday or earlier. Effort and presentation will be rewarded with house points.

If your child is having difficulty with their homework, they can bring it in to school on Mondays and we can help them. It would be helpful if you could keep an eye on your child's homework to make sure they are completing it in good time and not leaving it until the last minute. **Reading to an adult each day is also essential.**

Helping Your Child At Home

It is important that your child knows their multiplication facts to at least 12 x 12 at instant recall. The same goes for number compliments to 100. There are various games on the internet which are good for reinforcing knowledge of these facts. Also, be aware of the application of mathematical skills when you are out and about on journeys or when shopping and cooking. Below is a list of ideas (tried and tested with my own children and grandchildren).

Maths ideas:

- Ask them to check whether a special offer is really a good deal.
- Ask them to predict 'how much change'?
- Ask them the time and how much time is left before their favourite TV programme is on etc.
- When on a journey ask them to calculate the total mileage or how many miles are left to go.
- Make a tally chart of different makes or colours of cars. Convert the results in to fractions and percentages.
- How much of each ingredient will I need if I double a quantity for a recipe?
- Do maths puzzles such as Sudoku in newspapers and magazines.

Writing ideas:

- Encourage them to write a diary.
- Handwrite thank you letters or write emails.
- Play scrabble or other spelling related games.
- Do crosswords or codeword puzzles in newspapers or magazines.

Remember also the importance of daily reading with or to your child.

Useful websites:

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.crickweb.co.uk

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

www.compare4kids.co.uk

Class Assembly

Our Class Assembly will take place on Friday 20th October.