



Elm Class Newsletter Spring 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you had a good Christmas and are ready for a new term. Thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts you gave - I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

This term, we shall have Mrs Routh with us on Mondays and we welcome Mrs Taylor to the school. She will be working with us in Elm for the rest of the week.

Our topic this term is Chocolate. Thank you for the homework - we already have some interesting facts. We have had a lovely start to the term. The children have already been working very hard and with great enthusiasm.

Please can I remind you to check that uniform (especially PE kit) is clearly named. Thank you.

Mrs Thompson.

Spring Curriculum

History: History of Chocolate.

Geography: Identifying where in the world cacao is grown.

Science: Changing materials and their properties.

R. E. What is the importance for prayer and fasting for Muslims?

D.T. Design and make a chocolate product with package design and advertising.

I.C.T. Excel, Internet research and Animation.

P.S.H.E. E Safety and healthy lifestyles.

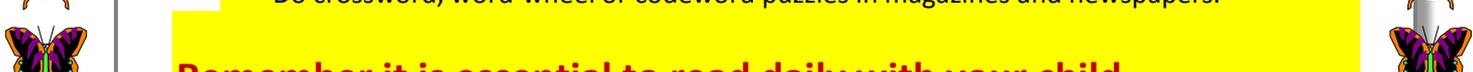
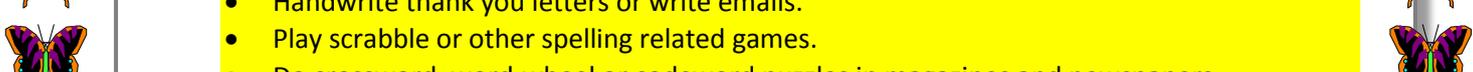
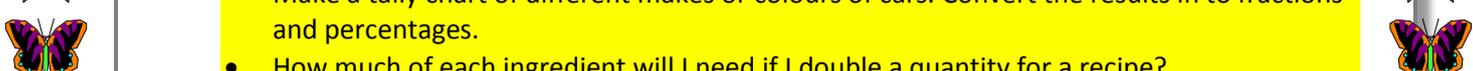
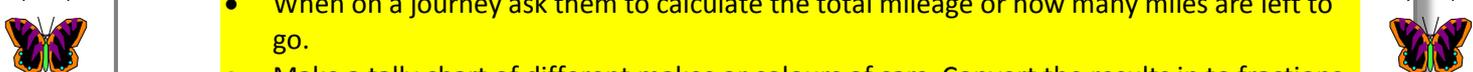
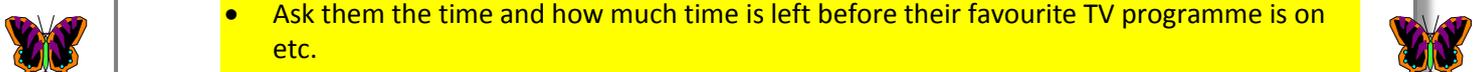
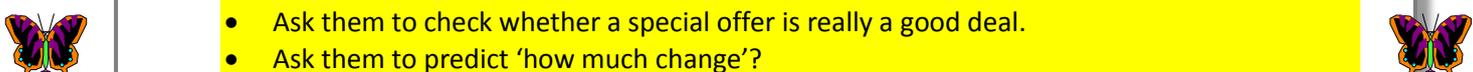
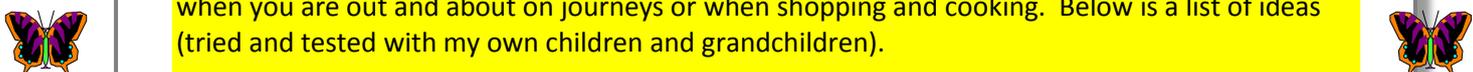
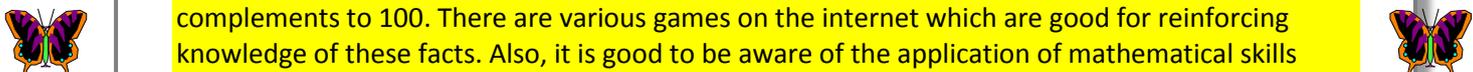
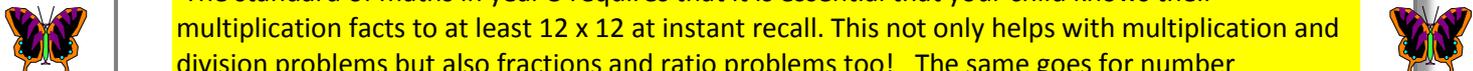
French: Food, hobbies and holidays.

Music and Art will be taught by Mrs Skanski Such.

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

Homework

Thank you for your commitment to helping your child with their homework and ensuring it is handed in on time. Homework will continue to be issued on Fridays and will consist of a numeracy and literacy task. There will be a topic or science activity too. Remember that effort and presentation will be rewarded with house points.



Helping Your Child At Home

The standard of maths in year 5 requires that it is essential that your child knows their multiplication facts to at least 12 x 12 at instant recall. This not only helps with multiplication and division problems but also fractions and ratio problems too! The same goes for number complements to 100. There are various games on the internet which are good for reinforcing knowledge of these facts. Also, it is good to 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:

- When shopping, ask them to keep a running total in their heads.
- 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 crossword, word-wheel or codeword puzzles in magazines and newspapers.

Remember it is essential to read daily with 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 17th March at 2.45pm.

