

Elm Class Newsletter Spring 2018



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 sent - Mrs Taylor and I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

One of the highlights of the Autumn Term was our Victorian School Day. (We deliberately looked solemn!)



Our topic this term is Chocolate. We shall be focusing on how chocolate is grown, how and where it is made and the history of the Cadburys. We shall be tasting chocolate and chocolate products. 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.

Accelerated Reader is proving to be a great success with lots of children finding a new love of reading and being very keen to read a book so they can take a quiz.

Mrs Thompson.

Uniform and P.E. Kit

Please can you check that uniform is clearly named. Also, a reminder for P.E., children should wear a T shirt in their house colour. Please can you make sure they have trainers for outdoor and plimsolls for indoor P.E. P.E. usually takes place on Thursdays and Fridays. Thank you.

Homework

Please can you encourage your child to complete their homework in plenty of time and not leave it until the last minute so that they can submit work to be proud of. Don't forget that if anyone is struggling with homework, it can be brought in on Mondays for guidance, help and advice. Good quality homework is always rewarded.

Although Reading records are checked on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, please can you make sure they are brought to school each day with their reading book so they can record their progress. Rewards are given to those who read regularly at home and have their reading record signed.

Snacks and water

Children are encouraged to bring fruit or vegetables for their mid-morning snack. Points are awarded for doing so. I am happy for children to have water bottles on their tables. However, it must be water only. They can bring an additional flavoured drink with their packed lunch if they wish.

Spring Term Curriculum

Maths

As well as arithmetic, we shall be focusing on multiplication and division leading into fractions, decimals and percentages. There is a daily focus on problem solving and reasoning.

English

Our class reader this term is *The Voyage Of The Dawn Treader* by C.S. Lewis. It is the third book in the Narnia series.

Science

Our focus this term is materials and their properties. We shall be incorporating much of our chocolate topic into this.

History

We shall be looking at the history of chocolate and in particular the Cadbury family and their impact on people's lives in Bournville.

Geography

We shall be looking at where in the world Cocoa is grown and how fair trade has helped poor communities.

P.S.H.E.

Healthy eating and hygiene.

Design and Technology

Designing and making packaging for a chocolate product.

R.E.

What is the importance for prayer and fasting for Muslims?

P.E.

Dance and gymnastics.

Computing

Excel and animation.

French

Food, hobbies and holidays. (A themed day is planned.)

Music and Art

This will be taught on a rotation basis by Mrs Skanski-Such.

This term, our Class Assembly will be on Friday 26th January at 2:45pm.

