


Elm Class Newsletter – Spring 1st 2023 – Changes Theme

<p>English</p> <p>Power of Reading Book: <i>Varmints</i></p>  <p>Writing Outcomes: <i>Poetry</i> <i>Explanation</i> <i>Argument</i></p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>We are starting with multiplication & division, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The link between multiplying and repeatedly adding. - Methods for multiplying 4-digits by 1- or 2-digits. - Dividing 3- and 4- digit numbers by a single digit. - Solving multiplication & division problems. <p>Then we will continue our fractions learning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognising equivalent fractions - Converting between mixed numbers & improper fractions - Using x and ÷ skills to work out fractions of numbers 	<p>Science</p> <p>Can you undo a change once it has been done?</p> <p>Building on last year's learning about changes of state (solid, liquid and gas), we will learn that some changes are reversible and some are not. We will then learn how mixtures and solutions can be separated in different ways.</p> <p><i>The key skills we will be developing this half-term are:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Identify patterns and try to explain them</i> - <i>Repeat measurements to check for accuracy</i> - <i>Use our results to make predictions for further tests.</i>
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Changes Theme: For the first part of our change theme, this half-term we will have a history focus. We will explore how significant changes such as the Industrial Revolution and inventions like the railways, have shaped our lives today.

Key Knowledge: Children will learn about the society, culture and legacy of the Victorian era and when it was in relation to other historical periods.

Key Skills: Place the Victorian period on a timeline. Discuss the importance of people and events using evidence to support their discussion.

<p>Art</p> <p><i>We will be looking at the work of L.S.Lowry and exploring line, shape and tone to create perspective in our own drawings.</i></p>	<p>PSHE/RSE</p> <p><u>Our Bodies</u></p> <p><i>More information about RSE content which includes emotional changes during puberty will be sent home prior to the lesson.</i></p>	<p>PE</p> <p>Tuesdays: Ball Skills (Focus on Basketball)</p> <p>Fridays: Gymnastics</p> <p>Fitness</p>	<p>RE: What can we learn from the great philosophers?</p> <p><i>We will learn about the philosopher Plato, as well as the idea of Karma (that all actions have consequences). Then we will use these to inform our own philosophical discussions in P4C lessons.</i></p> <p>French: Greetings, dates, festivals and places</p> <p>Computing : Designing Games & Online Safety</p>
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Homework

In Year 5, we are starting to prepare the children for Year 6 and then High School, so developing good habits for organisation and homework is vital. Children will be expected to complete a weekly written homework tasks AND a Maths activity, as well as continuing to learn the spelling set each week and read daily. Both homework tasks are set on google classroom each week, but they can be completed on paper if that is easier. The children have an opportunity to write down the activities on a Friday when they are set and they are also displayed in the window of the classroom door.

Homework is set on a FRIDAY and should be handed in by the following FRIDAY.

<p><u>Maths Homework</u></p> <p>Group 1: Continue learning your times tables (15min on TT Rockstars a week)</p> <p>Group 2: Maths activity on google classroom.</p> <p><i>Please ask your child or check google classroom to find out which group they are in.</i></p>	<p><u>Reading</u></p> <p>School reading books will be changed after an adult at school has checked your child's understanding. If you are waiting for a new book, you can access an online library of books at their reading level by logging into Bug Club.</p> <p>Children should record their reading daily in their home-school diary. If children are reading to themselves, please sign your child's book on a Friday to confirm this.</p> <p>In addition to their school book, each half-term children will choose a reading for pleasure book from the library.</p>	<p><u>Spelling</u></p> <p>Weekly spellings will be sent home and can also be practised on Spelling Shed.</p> <p>These are given out each Friday and tested the following Friday.</p> <p>There are three challenge levels and Miss Brown will let you know which your child should be aiming for.</p>
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