

Elm Class Newsletter – Summer 1st 2023 – Community Theme

English

Power of Reading Book: Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce



Writing Outcomes

Character Description

Grammar Focus

Using different sentence structures, including fronted adverbials, subordinate and relative clauses.

Punctuation Focus

apostrophe for possession
brackets
commas between clauses

Maths

Shape, including regular & irregular 2D and 3D shapes.

Angles, including different types of angles and how to estimate, measure and draw them.

Fractions, Decimals & Percentages

Please refer to the Knowledge Organisers for more specific detail of the Maths content & key vocabulary.

In our daily arithmetic sessions, we practice different methods for + - x ÷ & fractions. The children do a test every Friday on this. This term, we will send the tests home each week too, so children can practice types of question they get wrong. Don't forget to praise and be proud of all the ones they get right too!

Science: Animals Including Humans

This will include:

- Different animals mature at different rates and live to different ages.
- Puberty is something we all go through, a process which prepares our bodies for being adults, and reproduction.
- Hormones control these changes, which can be physical and/or emotional.

Key Vocabulary to Learn

foetus, embryo, womb, gestation, baby, toddler, teenager, elderly, growth, development, puberty, hormone, physical & emotional changes.

Community Theme: Here are some of the questions the children want to learn about:

*How can we help our local community? How can we build links with our local community? What do communities do to link and help each?
How have communities built and developed in the past? What do place names tell us about communities? How have communities developed and evolved?
What is a Christian community? Can we build more of a community between Church and school?*

We will address these questions through our learning in the following subjects...

RE

What is the importance of the resurrection to a Christian community?

Key Vocab crucifixion, eternal life, forgiveness, gospel, redemption, resurrection, sacrifice, salvation

Art: Digital Art

We will explore the work of Jason Naylor, before creating our own pieces for an art display to spread positive messages amongst our local community.

Key Vocab hue, complimentary & harmonious colours

History: Anglo-Saxons

This will including exploring the origins of Anglo-Saxon and Viking places, the conflict between the two groups, what their communities were like and how this has impacted on our life today.

Key Vocab comparison, role of Britain, Christian values, crime, punishment, hypothesis, influence, plague, healthcare

PE – Friday Afternoons

Athletics, Striking & Fielding, Cricket

French: Describing Things & People

Computing : Coding

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.

Maths Homework

Family Maths Activity

Practice any arithmetic questions they are finding tricky

If your child is not yet quick & confident in recalling times tables, then please continue to use TT Rockstars.

Theme Homework

This will be set on google classroom, but can be handed in on paper if preferred.

The children are encouraged to write down the task in their home-school diaries each week and it is also displayed on the classroom door.

Reading

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.

Spelling

Weekly spellings will be sent home and can also be practised on Spelling Shed.

Spelling Test: Fridays