

Elm Class Newsletter – Autumn 2nd 2023

English



Core Text:
Percy Jackson &
the Lightning Thief

Writing Outcome:
Fiction: A Myth

Maths

Our main focus this half-term is multiplication & division, then we will be moving onto fractions.

This will include:

- Factors & multiples
- Square, cube and prime numbers
- Multiplying & dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
- Written methods for x and ÷
- Fractions

For more information refer to the Maths Knowledge Organisers on our class webpage.

Science: Living Things and their Habitats

What do we need to survive?

Key Knowledge: How plants reproduce and make new plants. How different animals reproduce and the gestation period. What is the different in life cycles of different species? We will be investigating the life cycle of a bird (chicken) by using the incubators at school and hopefully hatching some eggs!

Key Vocab: cycle, metamorphosis, photosynthesis, mammal, amphibian, insect, reproduction, cells, foetus, fertilisation, embryo, gestation, pollination, pregnancy.

HISTORY

How have the Ancient Greeks influenced the rest of the world?

Key Knowledge: Differences between Athenians & Spartans

The influence of the Gods on Greek life

The legacy of the Ancient Greeks – e.g. democracy

Key Skills: To research using primary & secondary sources, selecting relevant information to describe key aspects of history.

ART

How do we effectively display museum artefacts?

The children will use 3D modelling skills to create an Ancient Greek Museum display.

FRENCH

Describing what I and others have
Using the verb 'avoir' to say what I have, you have, he, has, she has & they have.
Adding adjectives to nouns.

PSHE

We will be discussing our feeling and emotions, and how we can talk to others about how we feel. We will also be looking at managing our emotions.

RSE

My Feelings; My Body
We will send home parent info booklets before each session.

PE

Tuesdays: Swimming
Thursdays:
Invasion Games

RE

How has belief in Christianity and Islam impacted on the arts?

Homework

Throughout Year 5 we gradually increase the homework expectations in order to develop the children's organisation and study skills ready for High School. In the Autumn Term, we would like you to focus on setting a habit of daily reading, but we will also start introducing weekly tasks they can try at home.

Maths

Some of the children still need regular times table practice – please ask for printed sheets if you are unable to access TT Rockstars from home.

For those who are confident in times tables, they can practice arithmetic methods which are tested every **Friday**.

Reading

Children should record their reading daily in their home-school diary. This can be anything they read at home (not just their school reading book).

Parents – please sign the diary at the end of each week. Before changing their book, the child should write a comment reviewing the book to show understanding.

Spellings

Every **Wednesday**

We will be going through different spelling rules each week, with some examples being sent home to practice. We are focussing on the rules which will help us to spell! These will be recorded in our Reading/Homework record books.