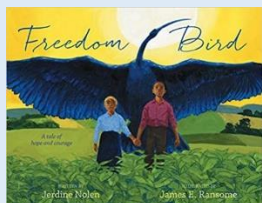


# Elm Class Newsletter – Spring Term 1 January 2024

## English



**Core Text:**  
Freedom Bird  
**Writing Outcome:**  
Narrative

We will be reading Cogheart by Peter Bunzl as our Class Text.

## Maths

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

This will include:

- Calculating Percentages
- Understanding the links between, fractions, decimals and percentages.
- 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: Materials and their Properties.

What do we need to survive?

Key Knowledge: To investigate different materials including solids, liquids and gases.

We will be comparing and testing different materials, looking at how materials change and conduct experiments and investigations on how different variables affect materials.

*Key Vocab: Temperature, evaporate, evaporation, condensation, solid, liquid, gas, melting, freezing, permeable.*

## Geography

To identify the changes in local land use and trade over time.?

*Key Knowledge: Locating major cities and countries in the UK and around the World. Understanding key geographical terms.*

*Key Skills: To research and investigate using maps, understanding map symbols, understanding grid references.*

## DT

To create a range a savoury dishes.

*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 what it means to belong to a community. We will also be discussing the themes around bullying and what we can do to prevent it from happening.

## RSE

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

## PE

Tuesdays: Dance  
Thursdays:  
Invasion Games

## RE

What can we learn about the world/ knowledge/ meaning of life from the great philosophers?

## 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 Spring 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

This term we are starting a new Spelling Scheme called Smashing Spelling.

There will be no spellings that come home. We will introduce you all to this at our Mundford Junction.