



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

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Welcome back to a new term and a new year. I hope you all had an enjoyable and exciting break and are looking forward to the new year ahead. Below are just a few things we have planned for this term.

In English we will dive into the world of Shakespeare and drama. We will find out all about him and his plays and use *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as a focus, producing and acting out play scripts. We will then move onto studying report writing, looking at different ways of writing speech and compare formal and informal writing and the children will write newspaper reports. To end the term, the children will hear and respond to a range of poems from two well-known poets and finally write their own free-verse poems inspired by those they have read.

Alongside literacy learning within lessons, all children and adults have the opportunity to participate in the National Schools' Handwriting Competition. This will help us to further emphasise the importance of presentation and develop the handwriting ability of the children in a different context. There is a small cost of £1 to enter this competition, which needs to be paid by the end of this term in order to allow those participating to complete their written piece before the closing date.

In maths this term we will be covering the following topics:- Place value, concentrating on rounding and negative numbers, addition and subtraction methods including work on decimals, coordinates and line graphs and using these to convert imperial measurements, multiplication and division strategies and equivalent fractions and decimals.

This term in science we will be learning about the properties of materials where the children will carry out various investigations to find out about conductors and insulators, sound proofing and which materials are the best for certain jobs.

History and Geography will continue to be taught alternately each term over the academic year to enable us to spend more time focussing on topic areas and developing crucial skills highlighted in the curriculum. The historical focus for this term will be the Early Islamic State. We will be considering how early Islamic society was structured and the contributions made to Mathematics, science and Art.

As the children are no longer swimming, they will be having P.E. on a Wednesday as well as a Friday so please make sure that the children have the appropriate P.E. kit and footwear on these days. They will be developing and improving their throwing, catching, attacking and

defending skills, leading to games of netball, handball, basketball and dodgeball. They will also be having some dance sessions.

This term in computing the children will be learning how to develop web pages using HTML, CSS and Java Scripts.

In R.E. we will be looking at the religion of Islam and begin by exploring the questions of who Muhammad was, and why he is an important figure to Muslims. The children will also look into the impact Muhammad has on the daily life of a Muslim. We will also consider the role of Qur'an as the voice of God.

Reading is arguably the most important step in any education so please encourage your child to read at home as often as possible. Reading at least three times a week contributes to your child earning their golden time.

Key date for this term: -

- Monday 4th February - Young Voices

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