



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new and exciting term in the build up to Christmas. This is a very busy term and some important dates are listed below. I would just like to outline a few plans for this term which I hope will enable you to assist your child at home. I have been really pleased with the children's effort in the first term and thank you all for your help in encouraging your children to do their homework, read and learn their tables at home.

In Literacy we will be beginning the term by studying biographies and auto biographies by looking at those of various famous people and then producing our own biographies and autobiographies. In our non-fiction unit will be reading and producing instructions and explanation writing and we will end the term with some observational poetry where we will look at various techniques, including similes, metaphors and personifications to enhance our work.

In maths we will begin the term by concentrating on multiplication and division techniques of whole numbers, decimals and fractions. In the middle of the term we will work on our understanding of measuring, time and line graphs before ending the term with work on improper fractions and finding fractions of numbers and place value of numbers, in particular rounding of numbers.

Our science topic for the term is called: Forces in Action. The children will learn about the many forces that surround them by carrying out different investigations to improve their understanding of forces in action.

History and Geography will still be taught alternatively each term over the academic year. This will allow us to spend more time focussing on topic areas and developing crucial skills highlighted in the curriculum. In term 2 Geography will be taught. We will begin by looking at sustainable tourism in the UK, Australia and North and South America. The children will then create their own

sustainable holiday resort. Following this we will look at where water comes from by considering the water cycle and how water is constantly changing.

During this term, the children will continue looking at aspects of religion with multi-faith approach. They will be considering how faith can be expressed through arts, recognising that mood and emotion can be reflected in dance, music, colour, artwork and drama. This will also involve them considering specific examples before creating their own interpretations.

In ICT the children will continue to look at how electrical circuits relate to the building of computers. They will also develop their knowledge of binary numbers and start the Swift Playground coding course.

In PHSE we will focus on friendships and relationships and how we can be more accepting of others.

Our P.E. sessions will be based upon improving and developing skills in hockey whilst in swimming we will continue to improve our stroke techniques and diving skills as well as introducing aspects of water safety and have some fun with synchronised swimming and water polo.

Some events and important dates for this term:

Poppy appeal items will be on sale soon, (dates to follow) during morning play-times. Children will be able to obtain paper poppies for a donation, and purchase other items such wristbands and bracelets for cost ranging from 50p to £2.

On 2nd November, those children who have been given parental permission, will be receiving the Flu Vaccination.

Children in Need Friday 16th November. We will be holding a non-uniform day with a spotty theme, donations for wearing non-uniform £1.

The PTA Christmas Craft Fayre at school Saturday 17th November.

Class and individual photographs will be taken on 20th November - full winter uniform please.

The KS2 choir performance will be at Vincent Court residential home on 3rd December.

4th December - Whole school pantomime trip (not Nursery), to the Maidstone Panto to see 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'.

12th December - British Olympic gymnast Courtney Tulloch will be visiting our school.

13th December - PTA Christmas wrapping room, children will be able to purchase gifts for family members at a cost of £2 which will be wrapped and labelled for them to take home as a surprise for their loved ones at Christmas. Children will also be provided with a Christmas lunch and party afternoon for a cost of £3.

14th December - End of term performance at Layzell's. KS1 will be performing a short Christmas play, followed by a selection of songs by the KS2 choir. Term 2 will finish at the end of the performance.

Many Thanks

Mrs Dolman