



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

Class:	Saxons	Term:	Autumn 2
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What a great term we have in store!

It was lovely to meet you all at parents' evening and I look forward to another term of teaching your children to become more independent learners and to improve upon their skills, both academically, physically and socially.

Phonics continues to be a focus this term with the children attending targeted phonics groups aimed at improving their knowledge of how to read and write words using 'sound blocks' or 'phonemes' as they are known. We will continue to work on their knowledge of the grammar for Year One, looking at sentence building using adjectives, nouns and verbs, as well as extending their sentences further using time connectives too. Each week will introduce a new text from fiction, poetry and non-fiction genres. The children will also be working on their formation and positioning of letters to improve the appearance of their work.

Our Numeracy this term will be focussed on 2D and 3D shapes, counting forwards and backwards from various numbers up to 100 and positional and directional language such as behind, in front, full turn half turn, quarter turn and three-quarter turns. We will also be revisiting the 2x table and starting the 5x table as well.

In their computing lessons the children will continue to learn how to move objects using an iPad programme and in real life, using sequences of instructions. In addition to this they will learn about different products that use computing.

Our geography topic for this term is 'Around the World!' looking at the continents and different countries within them. We will be looking at the compass directions and linking this to some of our maths activities as well.

Thank you for all your hard work supporting your children with their homework last term. May I please ask you to continue with this listening to them read, helping them learn their spellings and completing any further work sent home to support the in-class learning.

Some dates to note for this term:

Poppy appeal items will be on sale soon, (dates to follow) during morning playtimes. Children will be able to obtain paper poppies for a donation, and purchase other items such as 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.

5th to 7th November Year 6 Bikeability course

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.

Here is to a fun-filled Christmas Term.

Kind regards,

Miss J Swan