



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

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Dear Parents

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and welcome you back to another busy term for the children. I am looking forward to getting to know your children in greater depth and have thoroughly enjoyed my time with Saxon class so far!

For English this term, we will be using the text 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon as our inspiration. This topic will begin in week 2 with a mysterious UFO crash landing in the school playground. Please don't tell your children or it may spoil the surprise! We will use the crash as inspiration for a wide variety of writing, including missing posters, exciting adjectives and predicting what we think may have happened. Alongside literacy learning within lessons, all children and adults have the opportunity to participate in the National Schools' Handwriting Competition. This will allow 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.

After a short recap on skills learnt in previous terms, we will be focusing on number and consolidating our knowledge of number bonds before moving on to addition and subtraction using both manipulatives and written methods.

The topic for science this term is 'Animals Inc. humans'. The children will be exploring the human body and noting the differences and similarities between animals and humans. We will also be looking at the five senses see, hear, taste, touch and smell.

In PE the children will be focussing on ball skills, we will be using a wide range of activities to improve both handling and accuracy skills. Please ensure PE kits remain at school all week. Saxon class will be taught PE on both a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

In Computing students will continue to learn about simple block coding. They will also start to plan and describe actions using sequences of events.

History and Geography will continue to be taught alternately each term over the academic year. This will allow us to spend more time focusing on topic areas and developing crucial skills highlighted in the curriculum. In term 3, we will be understanding how a map is used, considering the use of roads and the impact of traffic, considering different forms of travel and their appropriateness and consider what is in the local environment using appropriate geographical language.

In RE, we will be studying the topic of Judaism and exploring religion and beliefs in different cultures.

World Book Day will be on Thursday 7th March, and although this is next term, we would like to give you advance notice of this.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the warm welcome I have received at Elliott Park. It is truly a pleasure to be your child's new teacher.

If at any time you have any questions or comments about your child, please do not hesitate in popping a note in the Homework Diary and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as I can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Vicki Crosby