



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

Class:	Stuart	Term:	3
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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and wish you all a Happy New Year. I welcome you back to term 3. The children all worked extremely hard last term, this has been evident in their work and I am very proud of them all.

For English this term, we will be considering myths and legends, in particular looking at Hercules and we will also be reading the book 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. We will be using this to create some imaginative pieces of writing as well as using the descriptions in the story to create some artistic pieces. Additionally, we will be creating some acrostic poems and alternative Disney play scripts.

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.

Our main focus this term for Maths will be applying what we have learnt about addition and subtraction to concrete problems including money problems. In addition, the class will learn about roman numerals, rounding decimals and lines of symmetry. Last term, times tables were identified as a weakness of the class as a whole and this has improved significantly over the term. We will continue to work on this to ensure the children are able to effectively answer multiplication and division problems. We will still be continuing with our Big Maths scheme, the children are continuing to respond extremely well to this, and this is regularly reflected in their work.

In Science the topic for this term will be amazing magnets. Children will learn about the properties and uses of magnets by carrying out various fun investigations.

As the children are no longer swimming, they will be having P.E. on a Monday as well as a Thursday, 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.

In Computing students will continue to learn about how computers developed. They will learn about different forms of input and output devices and also start to learn about how computers are built by making a simple battery.

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 continuing our learning about Ancient Greek. We will be considering the legacy of the Greeks and this will involve looking at Myths and legends passed down by Ancient Greeks, the contributions the Greek's made to scientific knowledge, mathematical knowledge and finally the Olympics.

In RE, we will be looking at Christianity and begin by exploring the question of who Jesus is, what we already know about Jesus and what he looked like. We will also consider how Jesus viewed himself, as well as how he was viewed by friends and enemies.

In Music, the children will continue to rehearse for the Young Voices performance at the O2 on 4th February. They have made excellent progress with the songs so far and have been having a lot of fun with the dance moves! Recorder sessions will continue to be held on Tuesdays, so please ensure the children have their records in school.

An early reminder for next term - World book day will be held on 7th March.

Homework will continue in the same way as term 2, with children having spellings to learn and put these spellings into their own sentences. Alongside this we will be looking at different spelling rules within the school day. As mentioned previously, please also encourage your child to practise times tables regularly. There has been a huge improvement in times table recall and regular practice will improve the speed in which they are able to recall these facts. In addition to this, please use the Homework Diary to record when your child reads at home, along with any comments or questions you may have regarding this. If you are able to, continuing to hear your child read aloud, discussing unknown vocabulary and asking questions regarding what they have read would be extremely beneficial to their development.

If at any time you have any questions, comments or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me either before or after school, by email or by a note in the Homework Diary.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Daniella Hales