



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

Class:	Sunbeams	Term:	2
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Dear Parents,

We hope you have had an enjoyable half term holiday and are pleased to be welcoming you back for yet another exciting and busy term! As we move forward into Term 2 we have high expectations for your children and will continue to nurture and encourage them as they move forward on their learning journey.

Some dates for this term are as follows:

Poppy appeal items will be on sale soon, 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.

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

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

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

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.

Our main topic this term is 'Winter Celebrations' and we will be looking at themes such as Halloween, Bonfire night, Diwali and Christmas.

In English this term we will be using our topic of Winter Celebrations to look at stories involving these areas. These will involve role play and thinking about different endings and general comprehension skills. We will also be working on using our phonic knowledge to read and write simple sentences and looking at rhyming words/poems.

The topics we hope to cover in Maths are: -measurement -length and height, revision of shape -2D and 3D, money and time- learning the o'clock times, revising sequencing the days of the week, how long is a minute etc. There will also be some general revision lessons towards the end of term to revise and assess what the children have learnt. We daily count to 100 and count back from 20 using a 100 square to aid recognition of numerals. Number formation is an area you can support at home e.g. just getting your child to write a number- as some are still finding it hard to get the numbers the correct way round.

Our daily phonics sessions will continue to take place with some children continuing with phase 2 phonemes and others beginning phase 3 phonemes. All groups will be practising their blending and segmenting skills needed for reading and spelling.

In ICT sessions with Mr Roberts, the children will continue to learn how to move objects using an iPad programme as well as following a sequence of instructions. They will also be encouraged to think about the various items that use technology both at home and school.

As the weather continues to get colder please ensure your child has a school coat. Obviously, the school cap/hat is the correct uniform to be worn when coming to and from school but if you wish your child to wear a hat/gloves for playtimes and outdoor sessions, please put these in their school bag. Also, please can you ensure your child's uniform is named- as eleven children getting changed for PE can sometimes result in piles of clothing being swapped around!

Homework- children will generally, although not always, get one piece of homework at the weekend to revisit or consolidate what they have learnt in class.

Please write in the homework diary so we can see if your child has read at home, although we will not necessarily change their reading books every day as has been mentioned before. Discussing the story and asking questions about the book are all necessary for comprehension skills as well as being able to decipher the words.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns please do come and see us to make an appointment so we can discuss these.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs C.Pierpoint and Mrs A.Fry