



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another new term, we hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas holiday and we would like to wish you all the best for 2019.

As we move forward into Term 3, we will continue to support and encourage your children providing them with the building blocks needed for the next stage of their learning and development.

Our main topic this term is 'Seasons' and obviously we will be particularly focusing on Winter and how this is followed by Spring. We will be looking at celebrations such as the Chinese New Year, Valentine's Day and the types of weather and differences we experience in different seasons.

In English this term we will be using the topics Winter and Spring as a base for our stories and role play. Children will be asked to retell stories they have listened to and to suggest different endings, as well as being able to sequence events from the story. We will continue to focus on sentence structure and encourage your child to write more independently using their phonic knowledge to "have a go" at words they are not familiar with. We will also concentrate on some of the irregular common words (e.g. the, you, they etc.) that will be easier to remember if your child is using them regularly, in their everyday written work. We will also look at rhythm, rhyme and alliteration and encourage the children to explore these in greater depth.

Our daily phonics sessions will continue to take place with phase 3 phonemes being taught. All of you will have received a sound mat with the Phase 2 and 3 phonemes and we know some of your children are going over the sounds with you at home, which is a great reinforcement, so thank you !

In Maths we will initially begin with revision of counting, number formation and ordering and then our planned further topics will be simple addition, subtraction, estimating and the vocabulary associated with weight.

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.

The weekly spellings will still be given, to review and reinforce the phonics learning, tests will take place on a Friday. It is exceedingly beneficial if you can practise spellings with your child.

Please write in the homework diary so we can see if your child has read at home, although as discussed, we will not change their reading books every day. Please remember to talk with your child about the story they are reading. Comprehension and an understanding of what they are reading is important to consider 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.

Dates for your diary - March 7th World Book Day - although this is not until Term 4, we are giving you plenty of time to prepare a costume!!

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs C. Pierpoint and Mrs A. L. Fry