



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. The children worked extremely hard last term and I was proud of the progress they all made.

For English this term, we will be using the 'The Phantom Tollbooth' by Norton Juster as our inspiration. We will be looking at the many features of his writing in order to improve our own, including aspects he uses so well. The children will be creating their own imaginative pieces in a similar style, using descriptive language and adverbial phrases. Using this text, the children will also create a number of pieces of non-fiction writing, learning the relevant features of each type. We will continue to work hard to learn and independently apply the necessary aspects of grammar effectively in our writing. Art this term will be linked to aspects of 'The Phantom Tollbooth' and creating detailed representations using a range of media.

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 last term for addition and subtraction, we will move on to look at methods for multiplication and division. The children will be taught a variety of strategies necessary to solve problems given to them, including the formal written methods. Alongside this the children will expand their developing knowledge of fractions, ordering, adding and subtracting these.

The topic for science this term is 'Amazing Magnets!' The children will find out learn about the properties and uses of magnets by carrying out various fun investigations.

In PE the children will be focussing on ball skills, moving on to the rules and tactics of playing a game of netball, basketball or handball. Please ensure PE kits remain at school all week. Thursday will be your child's main PE session for this term due to the timetable changes needed to incorporate their swimming session. Years 2 and 3 will be swimming weekly on a Monday. We will travel to the pool at 1.45pm and children will need to be collected from there at 3pm. Please ensure swimming kits, including a towel, are brought to school every Monday morning.

In computing the children will continue to develop skills in simple coding. They will also continue to learn how to retrieve, store and present information with technology.

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.

Having successfully completing their performances over the Christmas period, the Key Stage 2 choir will now focus on the final preparations for the Young Voices concert on Monday 4th February. They will also start working on another unique and extremely exciting project. You will be given further details regarding this soon. Group recorder sessions will continue on a Wednesday, but please ensure your child has their recorder at school all week in case this is changed.

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.

The progress noted in personal reading, weekly spellings and mental maths test result has been incredible, and this is testament to the support the children have received at home with these elements. The writing task in the weekly spellings book should now be able to be completed independently as children are beginning to demonstrate their ability to write in increasingly complex sentences with minimum support. Please continue to 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, hearing 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 or comments about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me either before or after school to arrange an appointment, or by a note in the Homework Diary.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Nina Montgomery