



**Elliott Park School**  
**Newsletter**

Class:	Hanover	Term:	1
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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term, I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer break. I'm looking forward to getting to know your children and hope they are excited about the new challenges that are ahead of them. I would just like to outline a few things that are planned for this term and how their week will work.

Your child already has their diary which has their new timetable inside the back cover. Please use this to write in any concerns you may have and I will use this to communicate with you also but if you have any more important worries please feel free to pop in and see me. I also use the diary to write in when I hear your child read and I would like you to do so too please, as the children need to read at least three times a week at home in order to gain some of their golden time on a Friday. They will have homework on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday as well as spellings (tested on Wednesday) and times tables (tested on Thursday) to learn.

In Literacy the children will explore the charm and challenge of the classic fiction, The Jungle Book and Just So stories by Rudyard Kipling, where the children will write a modern day version of the Jungle Book and Just So diary entries. We will then carry out our non-fiction unit of recounts using the context of UFOs to explore recounts and writing their own hoax UFO sighting. We will finish the term with our poetry unit where they will read and memorise poems from I like that poem, gathering together poems they like into an anthology and write two of their own.

In Maths we will begin the term with extending their knowledge of place value of whole numbers and decimals as well as the addition and subtraction strategies of whole numbers and decimals before moving onto the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and multiplication, division and fractions to end the term.

The topic for Science this term is the heart and circulatory system, where the children learn about its function and recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.

History and Geography will 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 1, History will be taught focusing on the Anglo-Saxon period. This will start by considering why the Romans left Britain and then move on to investigating different areas of Anglo-Saxon life, including how people dressed at different levels of society, the areas in which Anglo-Saxons settled and identifying

modern words of Anglo-Saxon origin. The children will also research the legend of Beowulf and think about what this suggests about the Anglo-Saxon period.

In R.E. this term, the children will begin to look at other cultures and beliefs. We begin by exploring and understanding the beliefs and values in Sikhism. We will be looking at where and how Sikhs worship and why community is so important to its faith.

Our focus for P.E. will be on the skills and techniques of rugby leading to competitive games and we will be swimming every Monday, concentrating on stroke technique and fitness.

In computing the children will be looking at the importance of e-safety. They will also be looking at how electrical circuits relate to the building of computers.

The children will continue to form part of the Key Stage 2 choir and will now begin working on their musical pieces for the end of the Christmas term. The choir has also been registered to take part in the Young Voices event again, held at the O2 Arena at the beginning of next year. We will also begin this term by learning some of the songs for this event. Group recorder sessions with Mr Burleigh will continue weekly. If any of the children, who haven't already would like to begin private music lessons for piano, keyboard, violin, recorder or singing with Mr Burleigh (at an additional cost), these can also be arranged. I would like to remind you that these are arranged directly with Mr Burleigh, however, we will endeavour to ensure they are at minimal disruption to lessons.

This term in Art, we will introduce the children to the much admired work of the pop artist, Roy Lichenstein. We will be looking closely at his work and attempt to recreate some of his pop art for a school art project.

**Dates for term 1 and 2:**

Sept	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Test 11+ - Year 6 only
12 <sup>th</sup>	3.20 11+ info session – Year 5 only
12 <sup>th</sup>	3.20 Phonics information session for Nursery, Reception & Year 1 & 2 only
24 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Messenger First Class photo – Reception only
Oct	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival food collection
18 <sup>th</sup>	End of Term 1
29 <sup>th</sup>	Term 2 begins – Winter uniform only
29 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – Yr 1, Yr 4, Yr5 & Yr 6
30 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening – Nursery, Yr2, Reception, & Yr 3
Nov	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Individual and Class Photographs
15 <sup>th</sup>	Orchard Theatre Trip (Dartford) - Key Stage 2 only
Dec	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Flu vaccinations to include Reception & Years 1,2,3,4 & 5
11 <sup>th</sup>	Gulbenkian Theatre Trip (Canterbury) - Reception & Key Stage 1 only
12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas present wrapping room & Christmas party
13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas performance – whole school except Nursery

I hope your child will be very happy in year 5 and approaches the year with enthusiasm and dedication and be very successful.

POLITE REMINDER

Elliott Park School has a 'NO NUT' policy, which includes hazelnut chocolate spreads in sandwiches. We have children currently at the school with nut allergies and I'm sure you can appreciate we do not want to put these children in any unnecessary dangers.

Mrs Dolman