



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 and are ready to try and return to some kind of normality as best we can. 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 front cover. Please use this to write in any concerns you may have and I will use this to communicate with you too. 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 Wednesday) 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 *Earth in Space*, where the children will discover the size, movements and properties of the planets, moons and sun that make up our amazing Solar System.

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 Vikings*. We will start by examining historical sources to make a conclusion about whether *The Vikings* were bloodthirsty. We will then investigate different archaeological evidence to learn about different aspects of Viking life. Finally, we will explore *The Viking longboat*.

In R.E. this Judaism unit will see children learn about key aspects of the Jewish faith. They will find out where Judaism originated, about special places linked to Judaism and about key festivals in Jewish life. The children will also learn about symbols in Judaism, the Jewish holy book and the main beliefs held by Jews.

This term we will be looking at Viking art. Full of fun activities, with a focus on improving drawing and shading techniques, this series of lessons will help class become more immersed in their Viking topic and will also help them improve their art knowledge, understanding and skills.

Our focus for P.E. will be on the skills and techniques of rugby leading to competitive games and we will also look at how their body feels during exercise and ways we can improve our fitness levels.

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

Our term 1 PSHE unit entitled TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More) focuses on the positive qualities of a team, learning how to disagree respectfully and communicate effectively. It looks at the key qualities and skills needed for a team to be successful. We will also address collaborative learning and teach children how to compromise to ensure a group task is completed successfully.

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

Mrs Dolman