



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

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new and exciting term in the build up to Christmas. I hope you had a restful and safe half term break. I would just like to outline a few plans for this term which I hope will enable you to assist your child at home. I have been really pleased with the children's effort in the first term and thank you all for your help in encouraging your children to do their homework, read and learn their tables at home.

In Literacy we will be beginning the term by studying biographies and auto biographies by looking at those of various famous people and then producing our own biographies and autobiographies. In our non-fiction unit will be reading and producing instructions and explanation writing and we will end the term with some observational poetry where we will look at various techniques, including similes, metaphors and personifications to enhance our work.

In maths we will begin the term by increasing our knowledge of the place value of decimals. We will then be concentrating on multiplication and division techniques of whole numbers, decimals and fractions. We will then work on our understanding of measuring, time and line graphs before ending the term with work on improper fractions and finding fractions of numbers and place value of numbers, in particular rounding of numbers.

Our science topic for the term is all about forces. The children will learn about the forces around them in everyday life and how they affect them. They will carry out various investigations to learn more about air and water resistance, gravity and friction.

In Topic this term our focus will be on Geography. We will start by looking at where our water comes from and the water cycle. We will then move onto investigating rivers and how these meet the sea.

In R.E. this Christianity unit will teach children about the true meaning of Christmas for Christians. They will start by questioning the meaning of Christmas to them and then learn about the Christian meaning of Christmas. The children will question if the true meaning of Christmas is still present today and question if the meaning has changed for some.

Our P.E. sessions will be based upon improving and developing skills in hockey whilst working on our fitness by doing a series of circuit style activities.

In our PSHE topic, 'It's my body', children will learn about how to take care of their bodies. This will involve learning about body image and stereotypes and learning about substances which are harmful to our bodies. Children will also learn about the importance of sleep and keeping clean.

In art the children will be looking at the art works of Frida Kahlo. The Frida Kahlo Art lessons for Year 5 will help your child explore the passionate and vibrant artworks of Frida Kahlo and discover the artist behind the famous self-portraits. Children will look in detail at some of Frida Kahlo's most famous artworks, exploring the thought-provoking images to inspire their own self-portraits and artwork.

Year 5 will continue to look at how electrical circuits relate to the building of computers. They will also develop their knowledge of binary numbers and logic gates. They will also start the Swift Playground coding course.

Here are some important dates for your diary:

- Poppy appeal items will be on sale in Year 5 for 2 weeks. Children will be able to purchase poppy themed items such as wristbands and bracelets ranging from 50p to £2 donations.
- Class and individual photographs will be taken on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November in the afternoon. Full winter uniform to be worn, please.
- Children in Need: We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November with a spotty theme, donations for wearing non-uniform £2.

Many Thanks

Mrs Dolman