



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

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Dear parents/Guardians,

Welcome to term 2. I hope you have had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing half term holiday! Please, as always, don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the term ahead. I am always available via email and happy to respond to queries. My email address is [mrs.mahony@elliottparkschool.co.uk](mailto:mrs.mahony@elliottparkschool.co.uk)

In English this term we will be looking at and beginning to enjoy a variety of poetry and rhymes. The children will start to look at the characteristics of poetry and discover the difference between poetry and stories. We will round this up with the children learning by heart the long poem 'twas the night before Christmas'.

In maths, we are going to be looking at and delving into the characteristics of 2d and 3d shape and looking at basic symmetry. By the end of this unit, the children will be able to name 2D and 3D shapes, as well as being able to say how many corners, sides and surfaces they have.

This term in Topic our focus will be on Geography. We will start by investigate our school environment and using terms north, south, east and west to describe directions. We will then consider the different ways we can travel to school and then to other places around the world. Finally, we will be exploring the four countries on the UK and their capital cities.

In art, we will be studying Guiseppe Arcimboldo -These 'Giuseppe Arcimboldo' KS1 Art lessons in Year 1 and Year 2 will have the children looking at portraits in a whole new light. They will explore a variety of Arcimboldo's paintings and find out what different natural materials he used to create his portraits. Year 1 and 2 will have a go at creating portraits to represent different things, including a portrait made up of their interests.

This term in science the children will learn about the weather, look at weather forecasts and carry out weather observations, including measuring rainfall, wind direction and temperature.

In PSHE The 'It's My Body' unit explores choices that children can make about looking after their bodies. We will look at key areas where children can make safer choices regarding their body, sleep and exercise, diet and cleanliness. Children will learn facts about each of these areas and learn strategies to manage them. The message of choice and consent runs through the unit and children are encouraged to get help from trusted adults when necessary.

For RE the 'Gifts and Giving' unit will encourage children to think about different types of gifts we can give and why giving is important. They will also explore the Christian celebration Christmas and the Islamic festival Eid al-Fitr. Children will learn why Christmas can be important to many Christians and why Eid al-Fitr can be important to many Muslims. Children will learn how they are both celebrated and will then go on to explore the importance of giving and gifts in both celebrations.

In ICT this term, the children will learn to be able to start to think about the different objects we use in our lives. They will also continue to learn how to move objects using an iPad programme and also in real life using sequences of instructions. They will also start to learn about different products that use computing.

Here are some important dates for your diary:

- Poppy appeal items will be on sale in Year 1 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.

Best wishes  
Mrs Mahony