



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the beginning of year 4! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. It has been a very surreal 6 months and I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout these trying times. I am overjoyed to have your lovely children again for another year and cannot wait to pick up where we left off 😊

In term 1, we will be exploring the Michael Morpurgo book 'The Butterfly Lion' as inspiration in literacy. We will use this book in many areas of our writing. We will be focusing on word classes and figurative language. We will examine how these features can improve our writing and make it more interesting for the reader. Throughout the term we will be creating descriptive writing, formal and non-formal letters, as well as making predictions about the text.

In Maths, we will be recapping the end of the year 3 curriculum before moving on to mastering place value, ordering and comparing numbers and the formal method of addition and subtraction using larger numbers. I would like to remind you how important it is for the children to be practising their times tables. Once they are fluent in this area, everything else will become easier for them.

In Science this term, the children will develop their knowledge and understanding in nutrition, muscles, bones and joints and conduct their own research in order to produce a presentation for a client to give them a healthier lifestyle.

Our P.E. sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursday. This term we will be working on simple rugby skills. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that girls must have a spare pair of socks for PE as tights will not be permitted with PE kit.

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 Ancient Greece. We will start this topic by looking at different aspects of Ancient Greek life and comparing it to modern day life. We will discuss key events in Ancient Greek history and we will also explore the famous story of the Trojan Horse.

In Computing students will be looking at the importance of e-safety. Pupils will also start the coding app Fix the Factory and further develop their computational thinking skills.

In RE this term, the children will be exploring Hinduism. This unit gives children an overview of Hinduism, focusing on its origins, core beliefs, festivals and special places. Children will explore the different holy books, identify key Hindu symbols and understand their meanings.

This term, we will be looking at Indian art. This will help immerse the class in the fascinating art and culture of India as they explore a range of traditional Indian art mediums. They will have the chance to explore and recreate Indian paintings, create intricate Indian patterns and use these to make beautiful mehndi designs, use block printing to make patterned fabric, and much more!

If at any time you have any questions or comments about your child, please do not hesitate in popping a note in the homework diary or drop me an email on mrs.crosby@elliottparkschool.co.uk and I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as I can. Homework should be completed by Tuesday, with both online my maths homework and weekly spellings on spelling shed. This is in addition to daily reading. Year four will complete their spelling test using an iPad in class on a Tuesday. Year four will also take part in daily quick fire time's table tests during maths lessons.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Vicki Crosby