



Elliott Park School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 2! This is usually our busiest term in the lead up to Christmas. I have a feeling it will be a very different term to those the children have known before. However, I'm sure all here at Elliott Park will do our best to make it just as special.

I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the success of all the hard work and determination shown in term 1. Lilly astounded me daily with her determination and work ethic, especially in Maths which is a subject she sometimes finds difficult. Not once did you give up, well done 😊 Lewis and Lillie Rose have impressed me with how quickly and well they have settled back in to school life. Working super hard in every subject, keep it up! Tramaine has shown utter resilience in his perseverance for writing, great job. And finally, Angel really impressed me during our unit on Black History month. She produced some beautiful writing and did a fabulous job in our class assembly. Sadly, we lost Mirko at the end of last term. We bid farewell on the last day of term with a cake and dance party.

In term 2, we will be using a range of the Francesca Simon 'Horrid Henry' books in literacy. We will use these books to explore fiction in familiar settings. We will pay close attention to the use of adverbs, prepositions and adverbials. We will then put all these skills to use in writing our very own Horrid Henry story.

In Maths this term, we will be beginning by looking at equivalent measures before moving on to comparing, adding and subtracting measures. To round off the term, the children will look at multiplication and division and explore the relationship between the two. I'm sure the children are all sick of hearing me remind them how important it is to practise their times tables. Once they are fluent in this area, everything else will become so much easier.

The Science topic for this term is light and shadows. During this topic the children will investigate the properties of light, including shadows and reflections. They will use their knowledge and skills to create and perform a puppet show.

In our PSHE topic 'Safety First', children will consider what it means to take responsibility for their own safety. This will include the decisions they make and how they can stand up to peer pressure in a range of situations. They will learn about everyday risks, hazards and dangers and what to do in risky or dangerous situations. They will also learn about road safety. Children will look at e-Safety, considering what should never be shared and how to report any concerns about online incidents.

Our P.E. sessions will be on Tuesday and Thursday. This term we will be working on striking and fielding 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.

This term in Topic our focus will be on Geography. We will start by looking at Malopolska in Poland and considering differences to where we live. We will discuss why the pollution levels in a particular region of Malopolska are so high and how this could be improved. Finally, we will move on to looking at the UK and the different regions.

Prepare for shouts of 'He's behind you!' and 'Oh no, he isn't!' as you and year 3 and 4 enter the wacky world of British pantomime! After exploring exactly what pantomimes are and what makes them so delightfully zany, we will explore a variety of pantomime design aspects, including set, costume and prop design in our Art lessons.

Year 4 will be completing the Dragons Spells coding course. They will also learn about some basic aspects of electricity and its importance in Computing.

In RE, the children will work creatively to enhance their learning experience. They will find out how the Nativity story began, the journey undertaken (relating it to the children's own understanding of journeys and distance), where Jesus was born and why, the visitors who came after the birth and how baby Jesus' life was at risk. The unit will conclude with the children thinking through the different parts of the Nativity story to decide what they feel is the most significant part of the story for Christians today.

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.

Here are some important dates for your diary:

- Poppy appeal items will be on sale in Year 4 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 5th November in the afternoon. Full winter uniform to be worn, please.
- Children in Need: We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November with a spotty theme, donations for wearing non-uniform £2.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Vicki Crosby