



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

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Welcome back!

I hope you all have had a wonderful summer break and are ready to begin a new and exciting adventure in Year 3!

In literacy this term we will begin by looking at the different word classes and ways we can incorporate these into our writing to make it more exciting. We will also focus on independently checking our work and editing it to create the perfect draft. We will be reading the text 'Billionaire Boy' by David Walliams and will be using this to support literacy throughout term 1 and 2.

Our Numeracy this term will be focussed on place value and recognising the value of each digit within a three-digit number. We will be making our own maths manipulatives to support this learning. We will also be comparing and ordering numbers up to thousands!

In Computing, students will be looking at the importance of e-safety. Pupils will also begin to use the coding app Space Cadet and use this to learn about further programming ideas such as conditional statements.

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 Pre-Roman Britain. This includes the Stone Age, the Bronze Age and the Iron Age. The children will consider the different types of evidence used by historians to determine what each period of time was like. At the end of this topic the class will have the opportunity to create a fact file about what they have learnt and add in any other information they have researched for themselves.

In Science this term, the children will learn about the functions and the types of teeth, the digestive system and a balanced diet, as well as looking at food chains and predators and linking this with teeth and their diet.

PHSE this term will see us looking at the part we each play in the wider world. We will explore what it means to be part of your local community? We will also look at why it is important to be critical of the information the media presents to us.

In RE this term, the children will begin to look at other cultures and beliefs. We begin by exploring and understanding the beliefs and values in Sikhism.

PE will take place on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon. This term we will be focussing on the skills and techniques of Rugby.

In Art, we will introduce the children to the much-admired works of the pop artist, Roy Lichtenstein. We will be looking closely at his works and attempt to recreate some of this pop art for a school art project.

The children will now form part of the Key Stage 2 choir and will begin working on their musical pieces for the end of the Christmas term. The choir has also been registered to take part in the Young Voices event again, held at the O2 Arena at the beginning of next year. We will also begin this term by learning some of the songs for this event. The class will now begin weekly group recorder sessions with Mr Burleigh. Recorders will cost £9, which will need to be paid to Mr Burleigh as soon as possible. If any of the children, who haven't already would like to begin private music lessons for piano, keyboard, violin, recorder or singing with Mr Burleigh (at an additional cost), these can also be arranged. I would like to remind you that these are arranged directly with Mr Burleigh, however, we will endeavour to ensure they are at minimal disruption to lessons.

Homework for this term will be given weekly via the whole school schemes 'My Maths' and 'Spelling Shed'. Children have been given new passwords this week in their brand new homework diaries. Both of these schemes have proved to be successful in aiding the children throughout the school with their progression in both Literacy and Maths. Children are also expected to read nightly to a parent or sibling and have this recorded in their homework diary. I thank you for your support in this matter.

POLITE REMINDER

Elliott Park School has a 'NO NUT' policy, which includes hazelnut chocolate spreads in sandwiches. We have children currently at the school with nut allergies and I'm sure you can appreciate we do not want to put these children in any unnecessary dangers.

If at any time you have any questions, comments or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me either before or after school, by email or by a note in the Homework Diary.

Here is to an exciting autumn term!

Many Thanks in advance,

Mrs Vicki Crosby

Dates for your diary

Term 1 & 2

Sept	
12 th	Kent Test 11+ - Year 6 only
12 th	3.20 11+ info session – Year 5 only
12 th	3.20 Phonics information session for Nursery, Reception & Year 1 & 2 only
24 th	Kent Messenger First Class photo – Reception only
Oct	
18 th	Harvest Festival food collection
18 th	End of Term 1
29 th	Term 2 begins – Winter uniform only
29 th	Parents Evening – Yr 1, Yr 4, Yr5 & Yr 6
30 th	Parents Evening – Nursery, Yr2, Reception, & Yr 3
Nov	
4 th	Individual and Class Photographs
15 th	Orchard Theatre Trip (Dartford) - Key Stage 2 only
Dec	
2 nd	Flu vaccinations to include Reception & Years 1,2,3,4 & 5
11 th	Gulbenkian Theatre Trip (Canterbury) - Reception & Key Stage 1 only

12 th	Christmas present wrapping room & Christmas party
13 th	Christmas performance – whole school except Nursery