



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

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I hope you had a lovely summer holiday and welcome you to the first term of the academic year. I am looking forward to working with both you and your child during this new school year.

We will be starting the term by looking at the school's new presentation policy and ensuring that the children are aware of the expectations and have the opportunity to practise these skills. We will also be completing some small assessments in order to find out if there are any gaps in learning and ensure we can address these straight away.

For English this term, we will start off by researching biographies. We will then move on to folktales and fables, particularly paying attention to the morals that can be learnt from these stories. Following this we will spend some time looking at free poems and how these can be used to describe outside spaces. Letter writing will also feature in English this term. This will involve distinguishing between formal and informal letters and the purposes they have. Finally, we will be reading the book 'The journey of Edward Tulane' and considering story settings and how we can use these to 'paint a picture' in the readers' mind.

Our first port of call in Maths will be place value. This will allow us to consolidate and recap on learning last year and ensure there are no gaps in the understanding of numbers. We will look at the value of each digit in different numbers up to 1000 and look at different ways of representing these numbers. Counting in 50s will feature across this term. The children will also learn to recognise 1, 10, 100 more or less than a given number. Following on from this, we will move onto addition and subtraction. I know the children worked extremely hard on this last year and we incredibly successful in adding and subtracting large written numbers. Therefore, we will be looking at recapping this and improving on mentally adding and subtracting.

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 RE, this terms Hinduism 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.

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 focus for P.E. will be on the skills and techniques of rugby.

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

This term in Art, 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!

On a Monday morning, the children will be tested on maths skills, times tables and spellings. The maths skills will be tested using 'Big Maths.' In this there will be a test of maths skills taught in the week as well as testing on times tables. For this term, the children need to continue practising the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables at home.

Spellings will continue to be set on 'Spelling shed' weekly and these will be tested on a Monday morning. Children are able to earn more golden time by completing the required amount of spellings set each week. **Now, more than ever, it is vital that the children are practising their spellings regularly.** The year 3 spellings will be taught in class and everyone will have these set weekly to practise. In addition, any streamed spellings needed will be set.

Due to the current situation, we will not be sending reading books home. However, please use the homework diary to record when your child reads any books they may have at home. If you are able to, continuing to hear your child read aloud, discussing unknown vocabulary and asking questions regarding what they have read would be extremely beneficial to their development.

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform, including PE kit in school. Tights are not allowed to be worn in PE, so girls will need to ensure they have socks in their PE kit. If you have any questions about the school uniform, the full list can be found on the school website. Finally, the children will need to have their own stationery that will stay in their tray at school.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please email me or pop a note in the homework diaries.

Mrs Daniella Hales