



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

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Welcome back to the second term at Elliott Park School. The children in Tudor class made excellent progress in term 1 and I am really excited to see this continuing.

For English this term we will start by looking at a short film called 'Marshmallow.' We will use this to explore non-chronological reports as well as using setting descriptions in our writing. After this, we will move onto our poetry unit which will be humorous poems. In this we will cover a variety of things including analysing and reading poems out loud, adding 'ed' to create past tense words, adverbials and rhyming couplets. In the final few weeks of term we will be reading the 'The Christmasaurus and the Winter Witch' by Tom Fletcher and using this to inspire our writing.

In Maths we will continue looking at addition and subtraction, recapping the formal column method and moving onto estimating to check our answers. Following on from this, we will start to look at multiplication and division, specifically considering how our times tables can help with this. We will be focusing on learning our 4 and 8 times tables this term. Practising these at home with the children can help aid their recall. Towards the end of the term we will be using looking at money, including solving money problems. Big maths will continue in the same way as term one, with us moving onto the year 3 section now.

This PSHE unit, entitled It's My Body, explores the choices children can make about looking after their bodies. The lessons look at making safer choices about their bodies, sleep and exercise, diet, cleanliness and substances. Children will learn facts about each of these areas and learn strategies on how 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.

In Science this term, we will be investigating 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.

Our P.E. sessions will be based upon developing and improving skills in hockey and investigating a range of dance styles and techniques.

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

This term in Topic our focus will be on Geography. The term will start with us 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 year 3 and 4 enter the wacky world of British pantomime! After exploring exactly what pantomimes are and what makes them so delightfully zany, year 3 and 4 will explore a variety of pantomime design aspects, including set, costume and prop design in Art this term.

In RE this term, 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.

Homework will continue in the same way as term 1, with children having spellings set on spelling shed. As mentioned previously, please also encourage your child to practise times tables regularly. In addition to this, please use the Homework Diary to record when your child reads at home, along with any comments or questions you may have regarding this. 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.

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

Here are some important dates for your diary:

- Poppy appeal items will be on sale in Year 3 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 in advance for your support.

Mrs Daniella Hales