



Elliott Park School
Newsletter

Class:	Windsor	Term:	6
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Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the start of this new academic year.

The focus for literacy this term will be on grammar, punctuation and using exciting sentences. Students will then write a scary story.

Thank you in advance, for the support I am sure you will give your children in learning their weekly spellings, tables and mental arithmetic skills. We will be using Spelling Shed challenging words for Year 6 each week and also practising words they have learnt previously.

Hearing your children read is a pleasure and I encourage you to continue to do this, making sure they consider the punctuation used, the style of writing and any vocabulary they may not know. I will listen to them read aloud in lessons such as guided reading and get them to take turns to read to the class as well as individual book reading.

In Mathematics we will be revising the four rules of number for whole numbers and fractions.

In Computing we will check the students understand e-safety. We will also be using the BBC micro: bit to control various sensors and develop projects using these.

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. We will be looking at where and how Sikhs worship and why community is so important to this faith.

For science The children will learn about the circulatory system and recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.

In Art this term, 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.

In P.E Our focus will be on the skills and techniques of rugby leading to competitive games. The children will also be swimming every Monday afternoon, where we will focus on stroke techniques and water safety skills.

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 the Anglo-Saxon period. This will start by considering why the Romans left Britain and then move on to investigating different areas of Anglo-Saxon life, including how people dressed at different levels of society, the areas in which Anglo-Saxons settled and identifying modern words of Anglo-Saxon origin. The children will also research the legend of Beowulf and think about what this suggests about the Anglo-Saxon period.

The children will continue to form part of the Key Stage 2 choir and will now 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. Group recorder sessions with Mr Burleigh will continue weekly. 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.

In addition to their Grammar Spelling and Reading homework it would be great if you could encourage your children to explore in further detail any of the topics we are covering.

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.

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