



**Elliott Park School**  
**Newsletter**

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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.

As the 11 + has been delayed this year we will spend the first few weeks concentrating on this in the Maths and English lessons.

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 R.E. The Judaism unit will see children learn about key aspects of the Jewish faith. They will find out where Judaism originated, about special places linked to Judaism and about key festivals in Jewish life. The children will also learn about symbols in Judaism, the Jewish holy book and the main beliefs held by Jews.

This term we will be looking at Viking art. Full of fun activities, with a focus on improving drawing and shading techniques, this series of lessons will help class become more immersed in their Viking topic and will also help them improve their art knowledge, understanding and skills.

This terms PSHE unit entitled VIPs (Very Important Persons) will focus on relationships. Children will identify who their VIPs are within their families and friendship groups and how important kindness and respect are within these relationships. They will also address conflicts and resolutions in relationships.

For science the topic will be Earth and Space. The children will learn about the planets and solar system; night and day; and the lunar month.

In P.E Our focus will be on the skills and techniques of rugby leading to competitive games.

In Topic 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 Vikings. We will start by examining historical sources to make a conclusion about whether The Vikings were bloodthirsty. We will then investigate different archaeological evidence to learn about different aspects of Viking life. Finally, we will explore The Viking longboat.

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.

Mr Roberts