

Summer Term 2022-2023 Information for Elm Class Parents

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are so pleased to welcome all of the children back to Elm Class after what we hope was an enjoyable break full of fun... and chocolate! We can't believe that we are now into our final term of the year and we are looking forward to the fun and learning that the warmer weather has in store for us.

Topic

We are continuing on our journey around the world this term. So far, we have been to Iceland, London and Kenya. The children have enjoyed learning about each place and have amazed us with their knowledge of The Great Fire of London, King Charles II as well as facts about Africa and African Animals. The next place that we are learning about is Fladbury! We are going to learn about the village and its landmarks using Geographical language as well as interpreting and using maps. We are also going to learn about how bellboating came to be, have a visit from David Train who invented the bellboat and support him in his campaign for global climate change awareness. We will continue to study British plants and animals, learn about the countries and capitals of the UK and consider the seasonal changes that are happening around us.

After the half term in May, we will be heading to our final destination: Italy! Here, we will be learning about the geography and culture of the country and taking a trip to Pizza Express in Worcester to make our own pizzas. We will then, in school, be designing and making a new pizza to add to their menu as part of a D&T project. We will be learning about summer and how weather and daylight changes in this season and will be focusing on the growth of plants and animals.

Maths

Reception children will continue their mathematical journey by learning about each number in depth. We will learn to recognise each numeral, match quantity to numeral and find different ways to make each number. As we meet each number, we will also link our learning to coins and shapes with the same value/number of sides.

Year 1 children will be consolidating their knowledge of doubling and halving, counting in multiples, solving addition and subtraction problems, and using concrete objects and pictures to multiply and divide. We will continue to give the children many opportunities to show and explain their understanding as well as solve number problems.

Phonics

Children have been assessed and grouped according to their next steps in phonics. Reading books will be changed within their phonics groups and will match the level at which they are currently working. Please continue to share these books as often as possible at home and remember to sign their reading records so that Dojo Points can be awarded.

Children in **Year 1** will take part in a Phonics assessment (Year 1 Phonics Screening Check) in June. This is a statutory government led assessment. Children will use their phonics knowledge to read both real and alien words by reading through a series of words with Miss Chance in a relaxed environment.

PE

Elm class will be swimming on **Monday** mornings this term and this will be one of our PE lessons. Our second PE lesson will take place on **Friday** afternoon where we will either be taking part in PE on the field or paddling on bellboats on the river. Parent support to help us paddle always appreciated and we'll let you know when it's our turn on the boats! For the PE lesson on the field, children will need an outdoor PE kit and trainers.

Outdoor Learning

Elm class will be participating in outdoor learning on **Thursdays**. Children should come to school in forest school clothes. As the weather gets warmer and the woodland area dries out, we may not need to wear waterproofs and old trainers might be a better option than wellies! Please note that, whatever the weather, children must wear long sleeved tops and long trousers that cover their arms and legs to protect their skin.

Music

Elm Class will be participating in the Early Years Music Festival again this year. The theme is Pirates! Our music lessons will involve learning the songs and creating out own verses and actions to go with them in preparation for the festival.

If you would like any further information or if you ever have any worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to arrange a phone call or face to face appointment – we would be happy to meet with you.

Miss Chance and Mrs Pemberton

Elm Class Teachers