

Elm Class Newsletter – Autumn (2)

Our topic this term is 'Vikings and Saxons'.

Staffing in Elm Class:

Teacher: Mr. Payne **LSA:** Mrs. Wright and Mrs Trew

Homework (SATs Companion and reading) will be set on Friday and children will have a week to complete it.

English:

In English this term, we will be using books based on our class topic of 'Vikings and Saxons'. Our Class Text is: Beowulf by Kevin Crossley-Holland.

Throughout this term the children will be taught to read, analyse and write different text types such as Explanations, Diary entries and poetry. There will be opportunities for drama and spoken word. They will build on sentence structure, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation.

Children will be taught reading skills daily. Consistent and daily reading at home is key to success. **Children are to read 5 times a week.** Children will also be taught spellings daily.

Science

Elm class will be learning about Life cycles. Children will learn about the process of reproduction in plants and animals, and they will compare the life cycles of different organisms.

Religious Education:

Throughout Autumn, Elm Class will explore the Enquiry: How has belief in Christianity and Islam impacted on music and art throughout history? Children will compare and contrast different religious art and music, leading to compose and conduct a debate which encompasses conflicting viewpoints.

Christian Value: Our first value this term is 'Compassion, through assemblies the children will begin to explore its meaning and value. Please see the worship newsletter for additional information.

Music, Art and Design:

Gingerbread biscuits

This term children will learn to design and make an edible Advent Calendar to encourage interest in food and practical cooking skills.

For music, we will be looking at a classic rock themed unit where children will be given the opportunity to create a beat, join in with singing and investigate pitch.

Maths:

This term we will be focusing on:

- Multiples, factors, prime and square numbers
- Multiplication and division
- Fractions

This learning will take place through whole class inputs, independent learning activities and small group sessions.

Physical Education:

This half-term, we will be participating in P.E **every Monday and Tuesday** afternoon. Elm class will be having outdoor PE lessons, focusing on Netball and Born 2 Move. Both PE lessons will take place outside (weather permitting) and **all pupils are required to attend school in their full PE kit on these days.** Please could you ensure your child has suitable clothing for this, in accordance with the school's uniform policy.

History:

We will continue exploring the topic, 'Vikings and Saxons'. Children will learn about the Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England which will include:

- Raids and invasion
- Anglo-Saxon law
- Viking Danegeld
- Alfred the Great and Athelstan

P.S.H.E.

In PSHE this term, we will be looking at the topic 'Valuing differences'. Children will reflect and learn about:

- Ok to be different
- We have more in common than not
- Respecting differences
- Tolerance and respect for others
- Friendships
- Challenging stereotypes

Computing

This half-term we will look at the Mars Rover. Children will learn to understand Binary (up to 8 bits), identify types of data it would collect and how it can be transmitted back to earth.