



Elm Class Newsletter – Autumn (1)

Our topic this term is 'Ancient Greece'.

Staffing in Elm Class:

Teacher: Mr. Payne LSA: Mrs. Wright

Homework 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 History topic of 'Ancient Greece'.

Class Text: *Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

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

Reading:

Consistent and daily reading at home is key to success. Children should be reading 5 -7 times a week. Children will also be taught spellings daily.

Art and Design / Music:

2d drawing to 3d sculpture.

This term, children will learn to explore the idea that drawing as a 2-dimensional activity can be used to transform surfaces which can then be manipulated into a 3-dimensional object.

For music, we will be looking at *Happy* by Pharrell Williams - a unit where children will be given the opportunity to create a beat, join in with singing and investigate instruments.

Computing:

This half-term we will look at Computing systems and networks. Children will learn that there are different types of codes, and the importance of Bletchley Park.

Maths:

This half term we will be focusing on:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and division

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

Physical Education:

This term, we will be participating in P.E every Monday and Friday. Elm class will be having outdoor and indoor PE lessons, focusing on Tag Rugby and Gymnastics. 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 and Geography:

We will begin the term by exploring the topic, 'Ancient Greece'. Children will learn about Ancient Greek life, government, city states and religion.

In Geography, children will learn about the Paris Basin and it's human and physical geography and the role of tourism.

Science:

Elm class will be leaning about Light; revisiting shadows, how our eyes allow us to see, reflection and refraction.

P.S.H.E.:

In SCARF (PSHE) this term, we will be looking at the topic 'Me and My Relationships'. Children will reflect and learn about working together, friendships and acting appropriately.

Religious Education:

Throughout Autumn, Elm Class will explore '*How and why does religion bring peace and conflict?*'

Christian Value: Our first value this term is 'Thankfulness'.