

Buxton Primary School

Elephant Class

Autumn 2022 Newsletter.

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see the children settle back in so quickly after the summer break. Please read the following information and overview of what the autumn term will look like in Elephants Class so we can both support your child with their learning. The key adults working with Elephants class this year will be;

Mrs Buchanan; I have been teaching across the school since 2010. I am passionate about nature and ensuring children spend time outside, connecting with the world around them. In my spare time, I enjoy variety of sports but especially running and cycling.

Miss Tilney; Always on hand to listen to worries, she will be working in Year 3 all week ensuring the children have consistent and caring support. She really enjoys chatting to the children and having a giggle as they share their stories. She's very creative but is also excellent at supporting the children in French lessons after living in France for many years.

Our school day:

Our entry and exit point will be the external Year 3 door. Remember drop off time is between **8:20am to 8:30am** and our collection time is **3:00pm**.

Belongings – Please remember to send your child in with a named belongings and water bottle every day including hats and coats depending on the weather!

PE - PE days will be on **Thursday** and **Friday**. Please ensure that your child comes to school on these days wearing their School PE kit (underneath a tracksuit in cooler weather). Long hair should be tied back and earrings

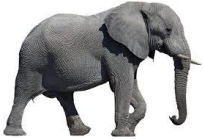
removed prior to school on these days if your child cannot do this themselves.

Homework – Homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned on the following Wednesday, ready for marking and re-issuing.

This will be focused on practising the following core skills every week;

- Reading- In the front of your child's reading record, you will find the expectations of reading homework each week and the key skills to focus on at this stage. Please ensure your child has their reading diary and book in school **every day**. In addition to this, there will be a reading comprehension activity to complete each week.
- Spellings – Children will have up to 10 spellings to focus on each week and then be tested on Fridays.
- Maths/times tables – Children are required to complete a statutory times tables test (at the end of year 4). To prepare them for this, they will have a times tables homework book and regular "TT Rock Stars" practise to develop their fluency.

Learning – we will start with the following learning focus for this term;

<p>Science – Animals including humans. Light.</p> <p>Computing – Esafety and Emailing</p>	<p>Maths – Number, place value. Mental and written addition and subtraction. Times tables.</p>	<p>Art – Drawing - landscapes/cityscapes. Painting and colour mixing.</p>
<p>English – Narrative – The Croods. Poetry and non-chronological reports.</p>		<p>History – Prehistoric Britain - Stone age to Iron Age</p>
<p>Guided reading – Michael Morpurgo's Tom's Sausage Lion. Non-fiction texts.</p>	<p>PSHE – votes for schools, Safety week</p>	<p>RE – Enquiry: What do Muslims believe about God?</p>

I'm looking forward to a fantastic term with your children. Please feel free to contact the school and arrange to speak to me if you have any questions. Kind regards, Mrs Buchanan