

# Buxton Primary School

## Elephant Class

### Spring 2023 Newsletter.

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas & New Year.

Firstly, thank you for all your support with homework last term. As a parent myself, I appreciate how difficult it can be engage your children at times but it is essential to ensure we continue to catch up and develop core skills following Covid/missed schooling. Please continue to support your children to complete their homework and hand in on Wednesdays.

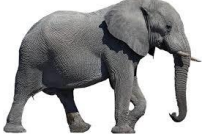
**Reading:** Please continue to read regularly with your children. At this stage we are aiming to sustain independent reading for longer periods and develop their reading speed. As part of their homework and developing their reading skills, it is important that children read at least 3 times per week and parents/carers to sign their reading diary. Reading diaries will be checked on Fridays and books changed if required.

**Spelling:** This is an area where all children in the class are aiming to improve. To support them with this, we are practising words every day in class as well as our handwriting at the same time. Hopefully, this little and often approach will help to develop these skills. Children will continue to be tested on spellings every Friday.

**PE** - PE days will continue to 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.

**Maths/times tables** – Nationally, all children at the end of Year 4 are required to complete a statutory times tables test ('Multiplication tables check'). To prepare them for this, they will have a times tables homework book and regular "TT Rock Stars" practise to develop their fluency. It really does help in all areas of maths if they can learn to recall these facts.

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

<b>Science</b> – Magnets and Forces. Plants. <b>Computing</b> – combining text and graphics	<b>Maths</b> –Written addition and subtraction. Handling data, geometry and fractions. Times tables.	<b>Art</b> – painting – pointillism and collage.
<b>PSHE</b> – votes for schools.		<b>History</b> – Ancient Egypt.
<b>Guided reading</b> – The Famous Five and poetry.	<b>English</b> – Narrative – James and the Giant Peach, poetry and diary writing.	<b>RE</b> – Enquiry: What does it mean to be Muslim?

In addition to this, children are going to be enjoying their fortnightly enrichment sessions.

Assessments and targets – towards the end of the spring term, we will be carrying out our usual end of term assessments. In the meantime children will have Maths and English personal targets to work towards in class.

I'm looking forward to another fantastic term of learning 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