

# Buxton Primary School

## Elephants Class

### Summer Newsletter

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

The final term has arrived ... and hopefully with it, a spot of nice weather! We are looking forward to a busy term which will include the usual Sports Day and end of year fun! Now that we expect it to get warmer it is even more important to make sure your child has a named water bottle in school every day. Children should also have a sun hat and sun cream if necessary, which they will need to apply themselves.

We welcome our lovely new teaching assistant Mrs Squirrell into Year 3. The children have really enjoyed having her help with their learning. While most other things remain similar, a couple of changes are in store for the class this term;

**Forest Schools** – We will be participating in Forest schools for the whole term on Thursday morning/afternoons. Please send your child in with a pair of welly boots, waterproof jacket and trousers in a named bag. We have some spares for the children to borrow but unfortunately not a whole class set.

**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 if it is cold). If your child has long hair, it must be tied back, and earrings/jewellery removed on these days.

**Homework** – we will continue to practise core skills;

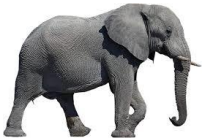
- **Reading**- Encourage your child to read at least 3 times per week and complete their reading diaries. These should be in school each day. The children have made great progress with their reading and we will continue to practice comprehension as part of our homework.
- **Spellings** – Children will continue to learn different spellings each week and their spelling test on Friday. I have enclosed extra

information about this terms spellings at the front of their red spelling books.

- **Maths/times tables** – To prepare them for statutory testing at the end of year 4, please complete one page of their times tables booklet and give them time to practise their fluency on TTRockstars.

**Homework** – this will be sent home every Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday.

**Learning** – these will be our focus areas for this term;

<p><b>English</b> – Fiction – Stories from other cultures. Non-fiction – persuasive writing – travel leaflet/ brochure.</p>	<p><b>Maths</b> –Written addition and subtraction. Handling data, geometry and fractions. Times tables.</p>	<p><b>Guided reading</b> - fiction – Kernowland – The Crystal Pool. Non-fiction; Poetry and playscripts.</p>
<p><b>Geography</b> – Local area study - The Norfolk Broads. Our world – Mountains and volcanoes.</p>		<p><b>DT</b> - pop-up book linked to Norfolk Broads. <b>Food and Nutrition</b> <b>Art</b> - Printing</p>
<p><b>RE</b> – Enquiry: What is the difference between believing and knowing?</p>	<p><b>PSHE</b> – votes for schools, relationships. RSE curriculum.</p>	<p><b>Science</b> – Plants and growth. Scientists and Inventors</p>

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

Once again, do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,

Mrs Buchanan