

### Welcome to Autumn Term 2023



Welcome to Year 3! Isn't it wonderful to return to school and still enjoy some fantastic sunshine! We are looking forward to encouraging the children to develop their independence and confidence as they begin their new key stage 2 journey.

### This term's learning

<p><b>English:</b> Narrative – The Croods. Poetry and non-chronological report writing.</p>	<p><b>Maths:</b> Number, place value. Mental and written addition and subtraction. Times tables focus.</p>	<p><b>Guided reading:</b> Fiction – Michael Morpurgo, Tom's Sausage Lion. Non-Fiction – Non-Chronological reports.</p>
<p><b>Science:</b> <b>Animals including humans</b> – skeletons, nutrients and teeth. <b>Light</b> –sources of light, reflection, creating and changing shadows.</p>	<p><b>PSHE:</b> Safety week and Forest Schools <b>Computing:</b> Communicating safely and effectively online.</p>	<p><b>History:</b> Stone Age to Iron Age - Britain's prehistory chronology and how this impacts life today.</p>
<p><b>RE: Religion - Islam</b> Enquiry: What do Muslims believe about God? What difference does being a Muslim make to daily life?</p>	<p><b>DT/Art:</b> <b>Drawing</b> – Sketching, landscapes and cityscapes. <b>Painting</b> – Mixing colours and pointillism</p>	<p><b>Languages:</b> French – simple greetings and instructions. <b>PE :</b> Tag Rugby, Hockey, Swimming and Mile a Day.</p>

The above gives you an outline of what we will be learning across this term. This list is not exhaustive, and learning is adapted to all our children's abilities and interests.

### Things to remember ...

**PE** - PE will be on **Friday** (swimming in the morning for ½ class each half term and Hockey in the afternoon for all). Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their School PE kit (underneath a tracksuit or leggings in cooler weather). Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed prior to school on these days if your child cannot do this themselves. We will be aiming to keep active the rest of the week doing mile a day, for this please ensure your child has their trainers in their bag daily.

**Belongings** – Please remind your child to bring in named belongings and water bottle every day including hats and coats depending on the weather!

**Reading diaries** - Please ensure your child has their reading diary and book in school **every day** so they can read with other adults and track their reading progress.

### Homework

**Homework** – Homework will be set every **Friday** and should be returned on the following **Wednesday**, ready for marking and re-setting.

- **Maths** – 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.
- **Reading**- It is an expectation that your child will read at least 3 times per week and complete their homework diary. In addition to this, there will also be a comprehension activity for them to complete.
- **Spellings** – Children will need to practise weekly spellings which will be set in class for a weekly challenge.

### The Elephants team

The staff in Elephant's class this year will be Mrs Buchanan, Mrs Mattioli, Mrs Mawby and Mrs Rogers. There are lots of adults and we are always available to speak to you however, it can be very busy in the mornings so please don't be offended if we need to ask you to speak to us later on instead – afternoons are often a better option. Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions about your child and their learning this year.

Kind regards, Mrs Buchanan.