



Welcome to Spring Term 2024

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and feel well rested. The children have developed in so much confidence and independence since last term and are all prepared for a busy term ahead! Please read the following information and overview of what the spring term will look like in Elephants Class so we can both support your child with their learning.

This term's learning

English: Imaginary worlds, diaries, Letters, shape poems and mixed up fairy tales.	Maths: Place value, multiplication and division, fractions, money, measurement (length), statistics.	Guided reading: Non-fiction, James and the giant peach, Enid Blyton – The adventures of the famous five.
Science: Forces and magnets Rocks and Soils. Computing: Computer simulations and programming.	PSHE: Votes for schools and RSE programme related to 'my feelings'.	History: Ancient Egypt Geography: Our World – Landscapes, Mountains and Volcanoes
RE: Islam – Muslim daily life. Christianity – Creation Story	PE: Dance, Dodgeball and Netball. Art: Collage	Languages: French- Greeting Music: Samba

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 days will be on Thursday and Friday this term. 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 appropriate for the weather ahead.

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**- Thank you with your support with reading last term, the children are making great progress. Please continue to read at least 3 times per week with your child and discuss the text.
- **Spellings** – Children will need to practise weekly spellings which will be set in class for a weekly challenge.
- **Other** – There will be an additional task each week to complete (in their yellow book) to consolidate their learning in Maths or English.

The Elephant's team



Mrs Buchanan: Class teacher

Mrs Mawby, Mrs Mattioli and Mrs Roger: Teaching Assistants

Please pop and see us in the morning at drop off or at home time in the afternoon if you have a short message or piece of information to pass on. Should you wish to speak with us in more detail, please contact the office and we will get back to you to arrange a meeting.