



Parent Curriculum Overview



SPRING TERM 2019 ELM CLASS

ENGLISH

This term we will be writing letters in relation to our farming topic then we will focus on developing stories related to the seasons. Later in the term we will focus on writing diaries then we will finish by looking at different poetic styles. In the new curriculum, spelling and grammar are essential and these skills should be reflected across all subject areas. There will be a weekly spelling test each Friday in the Home School Link Books testing the spellings set from the previous week. Reading continues to be a high priority through the English sequences and in guided reading sessions. This should be supported by regular reading at home and encouraging your child to comment on their reading in their Home School Link Books.

MATHEMATICS

This term we will further develop our understanding of multiplication and division, securing understanding of formal written methods then we will switch focus to fractions and time before half term. After this, we will compare fractions with decimals and look to use and apply our skills in different contexts, using different units of measure. We will continue to develop confidence in using methods to calculate in all four number operations and apply these skills to problem solving situations. We will continue to model and encourage the children to be able to talk through their mathematical learning and explaining. Learning times tables remains a high priority, with the children expected to know up to 12x12 by the end of year 4. Please support your child at home by practising these number facts regularly.

SCIENCE

In science we will be learning about materials. We will be finding out about solids, liquids and gases and investigating how some materials change when they are heated or cooled. We will investigate to find out more about the properties of different materials and explore how mixtures of materials can be separated.

HISTORY and GEOGRAPHY

This term our topic is 'Tractors, pigs and combine harvesters'. This is a geography based topic in which we will be studying life on the farm. Our learning will involve asking and answering geographical questions about the physical and human characteristics of a location and using maps and atlases to locate and research key geographical information.

Computing

This term in Computing we will be focusing on animation before creating and developing our own photo stories. E-safety will also be a core feature of our Computing teaching throughout the term.

ART and DT

In the first half of the term we will be thinking again about our topic and creating farm collages using more than 1 media / materials, inspired by local artist, Jackie Gale.

MUSIC

We will be delivering our music sessions this term with a continuing focus on singing and developing self-reflection and assessment in Music. We will also look to develop our skills using a musical instrument.

RE

In the first half of the term we will be looking at Judaism and the importance of the Passover. During the second half of the term, we will be focusing on Buddhism and the impact of the teachings of the Buddha.

PE

For our indoor PE sessions, we will continue to develop our gymnastics skills, focusing on rolls, travelling and take offs and landings. We will then use these skills, along with our balances, to create sequences using apparatus. For our outdoor PE, we will be developing our skills in team building, Net/Basketball and Tag Rugby.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about 'relationships.' We will develop understanding for our own feelings and the feelings of others. We will understand how we can help others to experience positive and healthy relationships within a range of social contexts.

MFL

In French we will be learning about the shopping experience in France and we will be developing our understanding of language to talk about this.

INFORMATION

Our timetabled PE sessions are Monday and Wednesday but please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school everyday. It is a requirement for HSLB to be in school every day and please use these to relay messages to Mr Pepper. If anybody is available to help in class or to hear readers, please speak to Mr Pepper. Weekly mental arithmetic and spelling tests will form the homework each week as well as one half termly creative project.