

# Year 5 Newsletter

Year 5 - Elm



Oak



Term 4 2023 -24

Our topic question this term is:

*What is the significance of our world in an infinite universe?*

Welcome back to Term 4!

Our text this term, *The Darkest Dark*, fits in very nicely with our theme of Space. Our classes have already learnt some things about space from starting the topic in Science last term, which we will be returning to. (As it is such a VAST subject!) We will also be considering our place in the universe, and considering what makes Earth such a special place.

Remember, it is still cold!

Don't forget to bring suitable clothes and accessories. Please make sure *all* items of clothing are labelled as this makes it much easier to return any lost items!

In English, our main text will be *The Darkest Dark*, an incredible story about Chris Hadfield, the first Canadian astronaut and member of the International Space Station. We have been focusing on developing our sentences from simple to complex, and including figurative language such as personification and similes. What figurative language can you spot in your books?

In Maths this term, we are going to move on from fractions to decimals, as we begin to look more closely at how the 'bits' of whole numbers work!

Keep practising your times tables on Times Table Rock Stars!  
Everything is so much easier when you know them!

In PHSE this term, we will be looking at our rights and our responsibilities as members of society. We will explore how citizens can organise to effect change and find out why managing money carefully is important.

Year 5 will be working with Commando Joe's in outdoor PE this term, focusing on team work, communication and resilience. The children have chosen an indoor option of dance with Ms Berry or Fitness Circuits with Mr Latter.

In our French lessons, we are going to learn how to talk about the pets we have at home and in school. What pets do you have at home? Can you say this in French?

In ICT this term, we will be using different media to write, record edit and share our own podcasts.

Very useful in a digital world!

Our teachers remain the same for cover on Wednesday afternoons.

Mrs Olley will be taking Elm class for RE and Connected learning, while Mr Peach will be covering Oak class and taking them for Connected Learning and French.

In RE, the children will be looking closely at the Easter story and considering SALVATION.

Why do Christians believe Jesus saved them? How did he do it and why?

These are big questions which still have a huge relevance today.

Forest School will continue for ELM class this term. Forest school will take place on TUESDAY afternoons.

Remember: You will need a coat and wellington boots, as well as a change of clothes, to really enjoy Forest School as it is meant to be enjoyed!

## Home Learning

TELL ME ABOUT YOUR BOOK.

A really effective way of helping children to engage with their reading is to ask them to tell you something about the book they are reading.

Please share books and your love of books with your children. Share a story; read together and make sure you take time to read *to* your child as well as listen to them read!

Many happy memories are made sharing a story.

This term, the Christian value for focus is WISDOM.

Wisdom means using our knowledge and experience to show good judgement.

Proverbs 2: 6:

*For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.*