

Year 5 Newsletter

Year5 - Elm



Oak



Term 5 2023-24

Our topic question this term is:

What effect have humans had on planet Earth?

Welcome back to Term 5!

Our Connected Learning this term sees us exploring the question of the environment. Climate change is now an urgent issue, and having a good understanding of what we can do to help as individuals and as a community is vital. We will be looking at the issues we have caused as well as the ways we can help to fix them.

As the weather heats up (hopefully!) and jumpers and fleeces need to be taken off, please make sure all items of clothing are labelled as this makes it much easier to return any lost items!

In English, we are reading the book '*The Paperbag Prince*', and looking at the environmental messages within. We are going to be using this time to hone our persuasive writing skills, as we explore the power of carefully chosen words to help us achieve our aims, and convince others to help too!

In PHSE this term, we will be looking at the theme of 'Being my Best'. We will look at how to become and stay physically healthy, as well as mentally healthy by considering what we as individuals can bring to our communities.

In Maths this term, we will be looking carefully at shape, position and direction and decimal numbers. We are aiming to be able to add, subtract, multiply (and even divide!) these decimal numbers, so keep practising times tables on Times Table Rock Stars to really help!

Our Music will be taught by Mrs Chapman every week, with the focus on developing our ukulele skills.

Our teacher for cover on Wednesday afternoons are:

Mrs Olley, who will be taking Elm Class for RE. In RE, we are looking at being Jewish in Britain, exploring the beliefs and practises of British Jews.

Mrs Collins, who will take Oak Class for PHSE and Connected Learning.

In Science, our topic is 'Living Things and their Environment'. We are going to learn about plant and animal reproduction and see how life continues to exist!

In PE this term, Elm Class will be making the most of the sunshine by playing some tennis on Tuesdays, whereas Oak Class will be going to Forest school.

Both classes will be taking part in Uprising 'Hang 10' sessions on Monday afternoons, which teach resilience, communication and team work skills.

In ICT this term, we will be using micro:bit mini computers to program and run information.

As a bit of a head start, head over to <https://makecode.microbit.org/> to play around with simulated micro:bits.



This term, the Christian Value for focus is FORGIVENESS.

Forgiveness means to let go of feelings of anger or resentment towards others.

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ, God forgave you.' Ephesians 4:32:

Home Learning

Although we may occasionally set formal home learning to practise some skills learnt in class, we will not be setting regular home learning every week.

However, we will be setting a project for the term. This can be found on the website or on Seesaw.

In addition, we expect the children to learn the spellings given, as well as to keep practising times tables on TT Rock Stars.

Finally, it is also very important to read regularly, (at least three times per week) to an adult when possible! (Although they are definitely old enough to read by themselves as well!)