



Elm Class Newsletter



Autumn Term 1
2022



Reading



We have been reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books as a class with three main objectives in mind: to enjoy and love reading, to improve our reading fluency and finally to develop our understanding of what we read through specific skills teaching. We have enjoyed reading our class novel "The Wild Robot" purely for the love of listening to a good story and the conversations that come from reading together. We have also developed key reading skills by studying extracts from or entire books. Some are pictured above.

Maths

We have focussed in on fully understanding place value up to 1000 and using our developed skills to reason and problem solve to a deeper level than ever before. We have hugely developed the children's understanding of addition and subtraction (with a crucial focus on physical representation using manipulatives) of 2- and 3-digit numbers.

Our Collective Worship theme this term has been 'Creativity' and we will be focussing on 'Hope' in Term 2.

Our Fantastic First Term Together in Elm Class!

From the first day of term back in September, Elm Class have impressed both of us greatly with their impressive and infectious enthusiasm for learning, for play and for school life as a whole.

Well done to all of the children!

Our Stars of
The Week for
Term 1 ...



Archie Bailey

Daisy

Luca

Charlie

English

We've had great fun learning, dramatising and innovating a story called The Stone Trolls. The children have learned to develop their story structures and to use prepositions, time adverbials and paragraphs. Following the success of their stories, they went on to write information texts entitled: The Truth About Trolls. We even had a couple of visits from real life trolls! Do ask your child if they have not yet mentioned this to you. Our term's learning culminated with a 'troll gallery'. Every child displayed their artwork and chose a paragraph to read aloud to Sally, Jenny and the rest of the class. It was very special to witness the pride each and every child showed in sharing their learning.

Spelling and handwriting remains a key focus for us this year and it has been pleasing to see the progress the children have already made in Term 1. Thank you in advance for your support in helping your child to learn the statutory spelling fish words. We will

The children have also enjoyed playing rugby, basketball. They have explored how the Roman Empire began, created Roman clay pots and started their year long plant and tree studies in Mike's

Going Forward into the Term 2 ...

The ability to read is central to a child's success at school. Please do read with your child at least 3 times per week and note this down in their reading logs. We both check these weekly and children are being rewarded for bringing signed reading logs in. We read 1:1 with the children when we can to ensure that they are reading the correct books and of course, to check that they are enjoying their books too. If you would ever like your child to receive some help choosing a book, please just ask us and we will gladly help.

We are delighted to announce that Elm Class will be involved in a project with an Attacking Maths Project led by Bath RFC. The project focusses on building the children's mental arithmetic skills and then utilising them in tag rugby lessons.

Key Term 2 Dates

Open Classroom:

Wednesday 2nd November

School Trip:

Tuesday 21st November

Christmas Performances:

13th December (1:30pm and 6pm)