

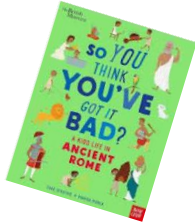


# Elm Class Newsletter



Autumn Term 2 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 a story. We have also developed key reading skills by studying extracts from or entire Roman books. Some are pictured above.

## Maths

This term we have focussed on developing the children's understanding of addition and subtraction (with a crucial focus on physical representation using manipulatives) of 2- and 3-digit numbers. We have also taught the children to use the standard methods of column addition and subtraction.

More recently, we have been focussing on the relationship between multiplication and division – primarily the 2, 5, 10 times tables (revision) and 3, 5 and 4 times tables.

We really do appreciate all support to help your child to learn their times tables. Please see below the order we will be teaching the children their tables this year:

Autumn 1	Recap x2, x5 & x10
Autumn 2	x3
Spring 1	x4
Spring 2	x6
Summer 1	x11
Summer 2	Recap of all times tables

## Term 2 highlights!

Scrouge - wow – what a fabulous performance Elm Class and KS2 treated us to! We were incredibly proud of all the children for performing with such enthusiasm, confidence and character!

The Roman Baths - our trip really brought our history topic to life and we hope the memories from the day will always stay with your child!



Attacking Maths – this term Elm Class have participated in a super project lead by Bath RFC which links maths and rugby. Their engagement in the Alex's sessions was superb!



## English

This term we have had great fun learning and innovating a story about a fearsome dragon called Smok. The story has truly inspired the children's imaginations and they have not only enjoyed writing their own dragon inspired stories, written instructions about how to catch a dragon but they have also had great fun hunting for signs of dragons in Mike's Meadow!

You might have noticed that your child is now joining some of their handwriting and this is a key skill that we would like the children to master by the end of the academic year. Please do encourage them to practise their long ladder joins during all homework activities. Often when children begin to join their writing, their handwriting initially becomes a little less neat, but in the long term it will help them become more proficient, speedier writers. Joining handwriting at this age has also been linked with supporting spelling.

Finally, we would like to say a **HUGE WELL DONE** to all the children who have practised their spelling fish words at home and made good progress. Thank you for your ongoing support with learning these important spellings.

**Going Forward into Term 3 ...** 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. If you would ever like your child to receive some help choosing a book, please just ask us and we will gladly help.

A special thank you to all the Elm Class parents who helped teach the children to sew this term!

Merry Christmas

Everyone!

