



Elm Class Newsletter



Spring Term 2023



Reading

We've read a variety of fiction and non-fiction books linked with our 'World Innovators' topic 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.

Maths

This term, we have continued to focus on developing the children's understanding multiplication and division. Lots of the children are making good progress with learning their times tables. We really do appreciate all support they are receiving at home too. Please note the order we are teaching the children their tables this year:

Autumn 1	Recap x 2, x 5 & x 10
Autumn 2	x 3
Spring 1	x 4
Spring 2	x 8
Summer 1	x 11
Summer 2	Recap of all times tables

The children have also deepened their understanding of measure this term and have learnt about perimeter. They particularly enjoyed this practical unit of maths!

A special welcome to Steve Airey, Elm's new class teacher.

Steve has had a great first couple of weeks and thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the wonderful children in Elm.

Going Forward into Term 5 ... 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 assist.

Spring Highlights!



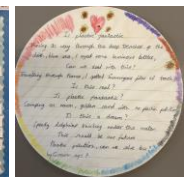
World Book Week - At Batheaston Church School we truly value reading, hence we chose to celebrate with a full 'Book Week' incorporating World Book Day and many more wonderful reading opportunities for our children. Thank you to all the Elm parents who supported us with the week.

World Innovator's Inspire Day - Determined to inspire change after their litter pick, Elm Class decided to write to the Prime Minister and large supermarkets to urge them to change their policies on single use, convenience plastic wrapping on multipack tin cans, fruit and vegetables. The children simply could not understand why bananas, apples, pears, potatoes and such like are sold in plastic bags by large supermarkets when they could easily be just popped into reusable cloth bags or straight into the shopping trolley. They have loved receiving some very positive responses to their requests and ideas.



Tagtails - A rainy Tuesday in late March provided the perfect backdrop for our Lower Key Stage 2 Tagtails, mud bath festival. The children did brilliantly under some, at times, quite challenging weather conditions and fun was had by all! Even a soggy walk back didn't dampen our spirits, as we returned triumphant from our victory over Bathampton. Well done everyone!

English



What a wonderful term of English it has been! At the beginning of the term, the children voted to write stories that they could bring home to share with you all, so we hope you enjoyed these.

We then moved onto poetry. The children were inspired by a Pie Corbett poem called, 'Living in a Plastic World' and their Batheaston litter pick. They produced some thought-provoking poetry about the effects of plastic on our planet, which we were able to send off to the 'Big Green Poetry' competition. Over the coming weeks, the children's poems will also be displayed along the Bathampton Meadow path.

We have been impressed by your child's growing confidence to join their handwriting. Please do encourage this important skill in their homework activities. 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 statutory spellings at home and made good progress.