



Elm Class – Spring 2 Newsletter 2025

What's happening in Elm Class this Half Term?		
Maths	<p>Year 1 To count and recognise numbers to 50. To be able to estimate on the number line to 50. To be able to say one more and one less up to 50. To be able to compare length and height. To be able to measure in centimetres. To be able to compare weights using language such as heavier and lighter. To be able to measure volume and capacity.</p>	<p>Year 2 Recognise and make equal groups. Introduce multiplication and using arrays. The 2, 5 and 10 times tables and division by 2, 5 and 10. Odd and even numbers. Measure in centimetres and metres. Compare lengths and heights. Calculations using lengths and heights. Language of position and turns. Describe movement and turns. Shape patterns with turns.</p>
English	<p>In the first part of this half term, our English lessons will focus on fact files. The children will explore a variety of fact files about people who help us, and they will have the opportunity to meet members of the local community before creating their own fact files. As part of this topic, we are excited to welcome PCSO Mo Yaqub to speak with the children.</p> <p>Next, we will dive into the story <i>Dear Zoo</i> by Rod Campbell. The children will work on using adjectives in their writing and will create their own version of the <i>Dear Zoo</i> book. Once complete, the children from Elm class will visit Cherry class to share their books by reading them aloud to the younger children.</p> <p>In the final part of the half term, the children will research and write facts about Easter celebrations around the world. They will also explore the Easter story, deepening their understanding of its significance and sharing what they've learned through informative and creative writing.</p>	
	<p>Year 1 To be able to write sentences independently using a range of punctuation and capital letters. To be able to create their own 'Dear Zoo' story.</p>	<p>Year 2 To be able to write a story independently using adjectives, punctuation and conjunctions. To be able to identify different sentences such as: commands, questions and exclamations.</p>
History / Geography	<p>Go Explore! We will continue to find out about famous explorers. We will find out about the expedition of Scott of the Antarctic and the life and achievements of Amelia Earhart. We will also be writing questions and interviewing a modern explorer from the local area!</p>	
Science	<p>Seasonal Changes. We will be investigating the best materials for waterproofing. We will be researching different types of extreme weather conditions and the effect on our climate. We will be finding out about weather in other parts of the world and the effect that this has on the animals that live there. We will also have a look at the work of the scientist Charles Macintosh on waterproof materials.</p>	
Computing	<p>In Computing we will learn what a search engine is and how to carry out a search to generate results and find information. We will also be combining and editing sounds together to create a tune to depict feelings.</p>	
RE	<p>In RE we will be looking at how the Coventry Blitz has shaped Christian worldviews. This includes learning about the Coventry Cathedral bombing and how this has impacted Christian worldviews.</p>	

Music	<p>Round and Round. This unit is about Bossa Nova style of music and the children will listen to a range of Latin music. We will find a pulse and identify and name different instruments playing. We will clap rhythms and join in with songs.</p>
PSHE	<p>Healthy Me In PSHE, we will be thinking about how we can keep healthy through making healthy choices, eating a balanced diets and exercise. We will also consider who we can go to for help if we feel unsafe and how to make an emergency call.</p>

Home Learning / Learning Opportunities

Homework Update:

From now on, homework will be set on Purple Mash. Please find the details below:

Literacy Homework:

- **Weekly Spellings:** Spellings will be assigned as a *2Do* on Purple Mash. Additional literacy activities may also be set.
- **Explore Purple Mash:** There are numerous activities available on Purple Mash that align with your child's learning. Feel free to explore and encourage your child to engage with these activities.

Maths Homework:

- **Year 1:** A math game focusing on number bonds will be set as a *2Do* on Purple Mash. The game will gradually increase in difficulty each week. Your child can play it multiple times—challenge them to beat their highest score!
- **Year 2:** Please ensure your child spends at least 15 minutes each week on *Times Tables Rockstars* to support their learning.

Reading Homework:

- **In-School Reading:** Your child will be heard reading three times a week during our reading sessions at school.
- **Home Support:** Please continue to support your child's reading at home by listening to them read at least five times a week.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child succeed!

Dates to Remember

Homework will be sent out on a **Tuesday** (via Purple Mash). The children will have a list of spellings to learn which will be tested the following Monday.

Reading Books need to be handed in on a **Monday** and will be sent back out on **Wednesdays**.

Library – books will be changed each **Friday**. Please ensure your child brings them in each week.

PE days are on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**.