

Elm Class Notes

Elm Class this year consists of 29 year two children. The class will be taught by Mrs Davies on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Mrs McLaughlin will teach Elm class on a Thursday and Friday. Wednesday afternoon will be taught on alternate weeks by Mrs Davies and Mrs McLaughlin.

Mrs Hooper will be the class teaching assistant and will be in Elm every morning. In addition we have Mr Lambton every morning and Mrs Tiller every afternoon as additional support in class.

Our topic for term one will be The Great Fire of London and for term two it will be Traction Man.

School Priorities

As a school we set ourselves ambitious targets in order to continuously improve. Some of our school development priorities for this academic year are:

- To plan and create opportunities for regular cross-curricular and quality first teaching of writing across the school.
- To improve outcomes for vulnerable and higher achieving pupil groups.
- To use additional funding to ensure disadvantaged pupils make the progress of which they are capable.

PE

PE days will be Monday and Friday but the children should have PE kit in school every day in case the timetable changes. All children participate in these activities and so it is important that they always have their **NAMED** PE kit in school hanging on their peg. A drawstring bag is preferable for space in the cloakroom. Jewellery should not be worn during PE lessons and long hair needs to be tied back.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Thursday, to be handed in the following Tuesday.

In addition to this, children will be given a list of spellings for the term. Spellings will be tested every Tuesday and the results sent home to share with parents.

We encourage children to read at home every night. This can be from their colour banded book or from other books that you may have available at home. Please make a note in the reading diary when you have heard your child read and when the book is finished. When a child has completed twenty reads in their reading diary they can bring it to Mrs Sammon or Mrs McLaughlin for a special stamp in their diary.

Equipment

Children must have a water bottle in school, preferably with a sports cap. This should be placed in the tray at the back of the classroom each morning and taken home to wash every evening. To save confusion the bottles need to be clearly labelled, as do all clothes and bags. Children should not bring pencil cases or other personal items into school.

Any bags need to be of an appropriate size as space in the cloakroom is limited. A book bag is ideal as it can also fit into a classroom drawer.

Please encourage children to come into the cloakroom by themselves every morning as it is a small space and can otherwise become quite crowded.

Behaviour

Our School Core Values are: Respect, Honesty and Responsibility. The children will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner fitting to these values.

The rewards and sanctions are outlined below:

Rewards:

Smile
Verbal praise ('well done')
Thumbs-up
Applause
Stickers
Written comments on work
Team points
Star of the Day

Sanctions:

Verbal warning
Time Out
Class Teacher/Mrs Sammon to
contact parents/carers

Please refer to our School Behaviour Policy for more information.

Key Diary Dates

- Reception/Key Stage 1 Phonics workshop - 10th October, 5.30pm
- Individual School Photos – 11th October
- Parent workshops and open mornings tbc
- INSET 24th October
- Parent Consultations 6th and 7th November
- Trips in Term 3 to Roald Dahl Museum and Term 6 to Lower Moor Farm

Help from Parents

Hearing readers, assisting with practical activities, preparing materials etc is much appreciated by teachers and children. It is not necessary to commit yourself to come in for a whole morning or afternoon or to come every week, and no experience is necessary. If you would like to help, please feel free to come and have a chat now or at any time during the year.

Our contact details should you need them are:

mrsd Davies@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk or deputyhead@bridlewood.swindon.sch.uk

If there is anything that you would like to discuss, please make an appointment to meet with us at the end of the school day.

Mrs L Davies and Mrs N McLaughlin