



Welcome back to the new academic year! We hope you have had a restful summer break. This year as part of our KS1 phase we have two classes; Elm (Y1) and Oak (Y2). If you have any questions about your child's learning or any other aspect of life in Key Stage 1, please do not hesitate to come and see one of the team before or after school. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Autumn 1 2018 - This half term KS1 (Y1 & Y2) will be learning about the following topics:

English	This term, we will be reading <i>Handa's Surprise</i> , which is linked to our topic of Africa. We will be retelling the story using small-world figures, describing the setting and characters of the story and writing letters in role as a character. We will then move onto the traditional tale, <i>Goldilocks and the Three Bears</i> . We will be writing the story from Goldilocks' perspective and creating our own sequels. Grammar will be embedded within these literacy sessions.
Reading Records	The children will bring home a banded book twice a week. They will also bring home a free-choice book from the book corner once a week. Please read and discuss the book with your child. Parents must record in the reading records every time they read at home. Please note that children are required to have their book bag with their reading record inside every day. The reading books for Elm and Oak will be changed every Monday and Friday.
Phonics	Phonics will be taught every day and this will be consolidated in Literacy and weekly spellings. Spellings will be sent home every Friday and tested the following week. We will focus on the Year 1/2 spelling rules and patterns.
Maths	This term, children will be working on developing their understanding of Number and Place Value. They will be practising representing numbers using different apparatus, counting forwards and backwards in different intervals and using the number line to solve problems. In addition to this, weekly 'Maths Fluency' sessions will ensure their arithmetic skills are being developed as well as the opportunity on Wednesday to practice and test their times tables (2, 5 and 10).
Science	This term, our topic will be Seasonal Changes. Children will be observing seasonal and daily weather patterns and identifying how autumn changes the environment around us. We will study how seasonal changes affect plants and animals in the UK.
Computing	Children in Oak will be using the Puppet Pals app to create stories with our specialist computing teacher, Mr Latimer. Elm will be taught by Mr Latimer in Autumn 2.
Topic	This term our topic will be Africa, linked to Black History Month. We will be learning to locate the continent of Africa and the country of Kenya on a map. After that, we will be focusing on the country of Kenya and its geographical features. We will be comparing life in the UK to the life of someone in a Masai tribe. We will also be learning about some common safari animals in Kenya. On 19th October , we will have a safari day where children are permitted to come dressed as their favourite safari animal or in African national dress.
R.E.	Our R.E. focus this term will be Hinduism. We will learn about some of the key beliefs and practises of Hindus. After this, we will move onto retelling the story of Rama and Sita and describing how Diwali is celebrated by Hindus.
Art / Design & Technology	Children will be making their own Diva lamps linked to our RE topic. We will also be creating African line art pictures and tribal masks linked to our topic.
P.E.	Elm and Oak will continue to have PE on a Thursday with the coaches. Please ensure that your child/children have the following kit for PE: Black tracksuit bottoms or shorts, a white t-shirt or top and black trainers or plimsolls. Our focus this term will be ball skills.
Modern Languages	Spanish will be taught by our specialist teacher.
Music	Elm and Oak class will be taught by a specialist music teacher every Thursday. Children in Year Two are encouraged to bring their own recorders to these sessions. On 8 th October, children will be visiting the Royal Festival Hall to see the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra perform. This will be an opportunity for them to learn about the structure of an orchestra and the names of some of the instruments.

P.S.H.E. & Citizenship	Our focus this half term will be 'Being Me in My World'. We will be learning about our rights and responsibilities within the classroom, focussing on how to maintain a safe and calm learning environment.
Homework	Each Friday your child will be set weekly literacy and numeracy tasks. These must be returned the following Tuesday. Children in Year 2 should learn their times tables (2, 5 and 10) , which will be tested on a regular basis. Children can practice using Timestable Rockstars, for which they have their own login. Additional maths homework will be assigned on the Mathletics website, for which each child also has their own username and password. Children should also learn spellings which will be sent home every week and tested the following week.
Key dates	<p style="text-align: center;">Meet the Teacher Meeting – 17th September 2018 at 3:40pm Jeans for Genes day - Friday 21st September Macmillan Cake Sale and coffee morning – Friday 28th September 2018 Harvest Festival Assembly - 27th September 2018 at 9:20am National Poetry Day - Thursday 4th October Visit to the Horniman Museum for an African object handling workshop - 5th October 2018 Visit to the Royal Festival Hall to see the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra perform The Highway Rat - 8th October 2018 School Photographs – 9th October 2018 Parent consultation meetings - 16th & 17th October 2018 KS1 Safari Day. Children are encouraged to come dressed as a safari animal or in African national dress - 19th October 2018 Black History Month Assembly – Thursday 8th November 2018 Parent Lunch Invitations – Elm Class - Tuesday 13th November 2018 & Tuesday 12th February 2019 at 12:10pm Parent Lunch Invitations – Oak Class - Wednesday 6th March 2019 & Wednesday 1st May 2019 at 12:10pm</p> <p>We will continue to hold Reading Together sessions every Friday morning from 9:00—9:20am. Please do try and attend.</p>

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to come and see the KS1 team. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

KS1 Team

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