

Elsenham C of E Primary School



2026 SUMMER NEWSLETTER: ELM CLASS

Mrs Sipple and Mrs McCraith

Welcome back Ash Class!

We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and were able to enjoy some family time in the sunshine.

What a fabulous end to the term we had with our incredible performance of 'Annie'. We were so proud of all the children as we are sure you were too!

It is wonderful to be back in the classroom together again for another exciting term ahead. We have a heavy focus on times tables this term, with the children sitting the national multiplication check in June. Please ensure your child logs on everyday to 'Times Tables Rock Stars' so that they can achieve their best possible score.

Atom homework will continue this term for maths and English; this is set on a weekly basis. Please continue to practise spellings, times tables and reading, as this really benefits your child's learning. Your support is very much appreciated.

Swimming has finished and Friday will now be our indoor P.E. session. Monday will be our outdoor session. Please ensure that any earrings are removed prior to coming to school and children have suitable clothing.

If there is anything you wish to discuss or you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or catch us at the end of the day.

Mathematics

This term, our focus will be on decimals, money and time. If there is an opportunity, perhaps you could encourage your child to use their mathematical knowledge and vocabulary at home so that it becomes more familiar e.g. using coins to buy an item at the local shop and getting the children to check the change. Perhaps asking them regularly what the time is, using the analogue clock e.g. it is twenty minutes past two; it is quarter to four.

We will continue to work on the four operations (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing) concentrating on dividing and multiplying, which will support our calculations of fractions. Please encourage your child to become fluent in their times tables to support this.

Science

We will be continuing with physics following an exciting launch in British science week with static electricity experiments before the Easter break. We will be learning to recognise common conductors and insulators and also constructing simple electric circuits. Our following unit will be Living Things And Their Habitats.

R.E. this term will look at the theme of sacrifice across religion, its meaning and impact.

In **design and technology**, we will be linking to our science unit on electricity, focusing on torches. In **art and design**, we will focus on sculpture and 3D models, with a focus on the artists Barbara Hepworth and Sokari Douglas-Camp.

Our topic in **history** is Vikings. The children will be learning about the raids and invasions by Vikings in Anglo-Saxon Britain. We will also be looking at who the Vikings were as well as when and where they raided and settled. They will learn about significant events from the period and order these chronologically on a timeline.

English

We start the term looking at stories based around a theme and to create our own themed writing. Our focus will be on a book called *How to Live Forever* by Colin Thompson. We will also be writing a non-fiction report later in the term. Using our knowledge of punctuation and fronted adverbials, we will focus on varying our sentences and making our writing clear for our readers.

Reading

In guided reading, we are reading 'Thief!' by Malorie Blackman, which the children are thoroughly enjoying.

Through whole class reading sessions we can develop our comprehension skills such as predicting, summarising and inferring, which really help us with the understanding of the text and supports our own writing.

Additionally, children will continue to bring home books from the Accelerated Reader library which are tailored to them individually. Please encourage your child to read for pleasure; this can be from a range of text types such as non-fiction, comics, magazines and newspapers.

Spellings

Please find the statutory Year 3 and 4 spellings list on our class web page.

Weekly spellings will be given out to learn for the following week. They will consist of a variety of words from the statutory spellings list and those which have been taught that week using a spelling rule. Children needing additional practice with commonly used words will receive spellings suitable for them.