

Elsenham C of E Primary School



2025 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER: Rowan Class Mrs Fox and Miss Wilson

Welcome back to school and to what is promised to be a busy, and fun packed term! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and feel well rested and ready to enjoy the year ahead. Rowan class have had a wonderful first week and have settled well into the routines of Year 3! Homework this term will be daily reading, spellings and times tables. ATOM homework will begin from Friday 12th September. Please see the reading record for any usernames and passwords. Your ongoing support is hugely appreciated so please do not hesitate in speaking with us should you ever need to. We look forward to getting to know you and your children over the next few weeks and meeting you at our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday 10th September. There will also be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress at our Parent's Evenings later on in the term. Please keep your eye on your ParentMails as a lot of our important messages are sent via this platform.

Mathematics

This term, we will be focusing on place value and number, developing our knowledge of the value of each digit. We will be completing a range of activities to ensure this knowledge is embedded, before moving on to calculation. The children will have a variety of manipulative resources to aid their understanding, as well as learning a more formal written method. To aid learning at home, children should practise rapid recall of common facts (e.g. number bonds to 10, 20 and 100) as well as continuing to work on their times tables.

Science

In the autumn term, we will be learning about 'Animals, Including Humans'. This will involve identifying the main bones, muscles and organs in our bodies. We will be engaging in exciting, and often practical, lessons to find out where they are, what they do and how we can keep them healthy. Following on from this, we will be looking more in depth at the food groups and what they do for our health and growth.

And there's more!

- In history this term, we will be studying 'The Stone Age to The Iron Age'. We will be linking this topic to our art and guided reading lessons so that we can really get a great understanding and picture of the era.
- P.E. this term will be on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure jewellery is removed, long hair is tied up and they have the correct kit in school at all times.
- R.E. will see the children raising enquiries into the question 'What is it like to follow God?'. We will be using the story of Noah's ark to make links between Bible teachings and how Christians live out their lives today.
- Our focus for computing this term will be online safety and we will also be practising our times tables on a weekly basis using TT Rock Stars! Logins can be found in the front of your child's reading record.
- In Art and DT, we will be practising our skills of drawing and castle making! Please watch out for requests for recycling to be collected and brought in!

English

Our first writing unit will be focussed on traditional tales and fables. We will be learning about narrative writing features such as adjectives, adverbials and dialogue and look closely at the features of a fable, producing our own towards the end of the unit. Next, our focus turns to newspaper reports! This is an exciting opportunity to perfect their skills of reporting and using direct and reported speech. Alongside this, we will continue to teach grammar, spelling and punctuation which will be practised and embedded in their writing across the curriculum. There will also be a weekly spelling test on a Friday. Look out for these words in reading records. Reading will be a top priority this year as we ensure children's phonic knowledge is secure so that they can comprehend, and enjoy, an array of books. We would like to strongly encourage children to continually improve their reading ability, fluency and understanding by reading daily. This year, children will be taking home class and/ or library books (as soon as the library system is set up).

As a class, we will be reading and exploring texts daily so that children are able to answer questions confidently about what they have read. We will check reading records on a weekly basis and ask that you read with your child each night and sign their reading record.