

Elsenham C of E Primary School



2026 SPRING NEWSLETTER - Willow Class Mrs Carruthers and Mrs Dupplaw

Happy New Year and welcome back to school!

We hope that you have had a lovely time with your families and friends over the festive break. Willow class are ready to embrace the new and exciting opportunities that Spring term has to offer to further our learning. Our P.E. days before half term are Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor), after half term they will change to Tuesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor). Please ensure your child wears their P.E. kit on these days and that earrings are removed.

As always, please do not hesitate in contacting the office or catching me at pick-up if you need to discuss anything. Thank you for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Mathematics

This term, a huge focus will be on multiplying and dividing and developing our fluency when working with fractions. To aid confidence in these lessons, children would benefit from being able to recall all times tables facts (up to $\times 12$) instantly. Please encourage them to use Times Table Rock Stars and to complete their maths Atom homework to consolidate and refresh their learning.

Science

Space is the theme for our next unit and we are very much looking forward to a range of experiments and art-linked creations based on Earth, the moon, sun and the planets.

And there's more...

In **history** this term, we will be carrying out a local study: investigating sources of evidence from Elsenham's history society and comparing these to modern day.

To complement our history unit, in **geography**, we will continue to build upon our fieldwork and map reading skills, looking particularly at our local area of Elsenham.

In **R.E.**, we will be exploring the resurrection of Jesus and its importance to Christians.

Hockey then tennis will be taught during outdoor **P.E.** and dance then Sports Hall Athletics will be our focus for indoor P.E.

In **French**, we will be learning numbers to 60 to help us tell the time, as well as learning how to articulate how we are feeling.

We are thrilled to have the opportunity to go to the O2 for the **Young Voices** concert on January 19th. It promises to be an exciting experience and great fun! We will continue to learn the variety of songs and then after the concert, in our music lessons, we will be looking at musical notation and tuned percussion.

English

This half-term, we will be studying a wide range of texts, many of which link to our topics. These will include creative writing using the genre of suspense and mystery, which the class are enthused about. As well as this, we will be studying and recreating different poetry styles.

Grammar and spelling remain key. We will be learning how to include relative clauses, speech, complex sentences, hyphens and ellipses to engage our readers. In addition, proofreading and editing are essential and we will continue to hone our skills.

There are some useful literacy resources under the 'Parents' section of our website that help with grammar and other areas of literacy if needed.

Reading is our passion at Elsenham. Please encourage your child to relax at home daily with a good book. Regular reading exposes children to rich and varied vocabulary and can inspire ideas for their writing. Reading records will be checked on Fridays. Please ensure your child has read and recorded at least four times and you have signed their book.

If your child struggles to find a good book, try the website below for ideas: <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10/>

ATOM Homework

ATOM homework is set on a Friday, to be completed by the following Friday. There is also a lunchtime homework club every Wednesday.