

Elephant Class

Term 3 - January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, and welcome back to the new Spring Term. I am writing to share with you the topics your child will be looking at this term so that we can work together to provide all the support your child will need.

The core subjects, English, Maths, Science and RE are given a greater proportion of the weekly timetable.

- English:**
- Fiction;* Fairy tales and traditional stories including Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks, Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Gingerbread Man and Three Little Pigs.
 - Poetry;* Using our senses, poems about Animals and Humans linked to the Science topic.
 - Non-fiction;* Recounts and Dictionary skills

These units of study offer a variety of writing opportunities; encouraging your child to develop both as a reader and a writer. Your child will be gaining confidence to discuss their understanding of the stories and use words and sentences effectively to improve their writing and reading comprehension.

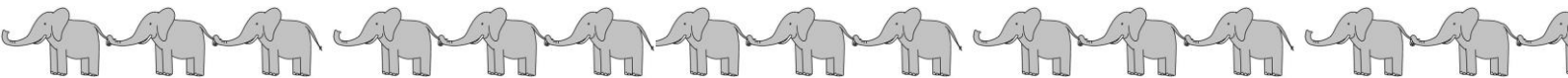
- Maths:**
- Number and place value;* problem solving and reasoning involving place value
 - Addition and Subtraction;* revision of number bonds to 10 and 20,
 - Measurement;* capacity and weight; money
 - Multiplication and division;* 2x 5x and 10x
 - Geometry;* recognising common 3D shape, position, direction

Please encourage your child to talk about the methods and strategies they have learnt in school to secure their understanding further. Your child will also be learning the multiplication tables. Please support your child to practise them to increase fluency and thereby strengthening their application to a variety of mathematical concepts.

Creative Curriculum: This term the Creative Curriculum will be **Kings and Queens**. This will include a study of the current Royal Family, Queen Elizabeth 1st, Queen Victoria, castles and knights. The Creative Curriculum homework has been set related to this topic. Your child has been given **two weeks** to complete it and is due **Friday 20th January**. We look forward to seeing the wonderful creative ways they can present this fantastic Historical topic.

Homework: Your child will be given **Maths homework** on **Monday** to be completed for the following **Monday**. **English homework** will be set on **Friday** and due in the following **Friday**. The pieces of homework should take no longer than 15-20 minutes each to complete.





Reading: It is very important that you listen to your child read for approximately 10 minutes every day. Reading books can be changed once your child has read the book twice on separate days. Please encourage them to discuss the story or information text to develop good comprehension skills. This will lead to your child becoming an enthusiastic reader whilst also improving their writing skills. Your children should read a range of books from their reading level and then move to the next level of the reading scheme when they are reading confidently and fluently.

Spellings: Your child will be given a weekly list of **Spelling** words every **Friday** and tested the following **Friday**. Please ensure that you practise these with your child to prepare them for the weekly tests.

Times Table: Your child will be given **Times Tables** to practise every **Monday** and they will be tested the following **Monday**. When your child has completed the multiplications correctly in the test, they will be moved up to the next set of questions. In class, we will practise the times tables through songs, chants, videos and games.

PE: PE lessons are on Wednesdays and Thursdays so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. All kits will be sent home at the end of each term to be washed. **Please ensure that all pieces of clothing are clearly labelled, especially school jumpers.**

Good behaviour is always encouraged and rewarded in Elephant Class. Children will receive rewards for good sitting, listening and for following instructions well. Each week, a child will be chosen as the **Class Captain**, if they have demonstrated good behaviour and are a positive role model to the other children. In addition, a **Writer of the Week** will be chosen for exceptional writing.

Please look at the school website <http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk> for the **Year 1 Long Term Plan** and for further information.

If you have any concerns or queries, please contact me informally at the school gate or we can arrange a meeting in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Attubato

