



# Elephant Class

Term 3 - January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, and welcome back to the new Spring Term. Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank-you from myself and Miss Page for the lovely Christmas gift we received. We were overwhelmed with the generosity and thoughtfulness of the gifts.

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 and child initiated time will be reduced.

**English:**        *Fiction:*        Fairy tales and traditional stories including The Gingerbread Man, The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

*Non Fiction:*    Animals and Humans linked to the Science topic; Arctic animals.

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,

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 to count in twos, fives and tens. 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 1<sup>st</sup>. The Creative Curriculum homework has been set related to this topic. Your child has been given **two weeks** to complete it. We look forward to seeing the wonderful creative ways they can present this fantastic Historical topic.

**Homework:** Your child will be given a Maths and English pack which they can complete in their own time ready to be handed in after the February half term. Thank you for supporting your child to complete last terms homework. If your child needs extra work there are lots of activities available online.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=high+frequency+words>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=count%20on%20in%20s%20and%2010s>

**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 (Monday, Wednesday and Friday)**. 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.

**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.

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 Carlow

