

Elephant Class

Term 5 - June 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 6 and I hope you had a relaxing half term.

I would like 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 will include:

English: *Fiction:* picture books related to travel and transport. (If you have any postcards these would be greatly appreciated).

Poetry: poems using rhythm and patterns to create a performance.

Non-fiction: recount writing

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 gain confidence to discuss their understanding of the stories, explore sentences structure and improve their writing and reading comprehension and prepare them for the Year 2 program of study.

Maths: *Measurement:* telling the time, o'clock and half past

Fractions: recognise and name half and quarter of equal parts of objects, shapes and quantities

Geometry: recall properties of 2d and 3d shapes, position and direction, map reading and coordinate

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

Creative Curriculum: This term the Creative Curriculum will be **Travel and Transport**. This will include a study of history of the first flight. Your children will be given opportunities to use the internet and taught how to research information safely.

Homework: This will be in the same format as the rest of the year. They will have 6 spelling activities and 6 times table activities to complete. 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 book to develop good comprehension skills. This will lead to your child becoming an avid 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.

Times Table: Your child will be given **Times Tables** to practise every **week in class**. In class, we will practise the 2s, 5s and 10 times tables through songs, chants and games.

PE: PE lessons are generally on Tuesday and Thursdays so please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. **All pieces of clothing should be clearly labelled, especially school jumpers.** As the weather improves, we will spend more time exploring the Outdoor Environment. Your child will need to have a water bottle and sun hat to keep them safe in the sun. Sun cream should be applied before school and last the whole day.

Good behaviour is always encouraged and rewarded in Elephant Class. Children will receive **House Points** for applying good learning skills such as listening and following instructions well and if a child demonstrates good Christian Values. Each week, a child is chosen as the **Class Captain** if they have demonstrated good behaviour and is a positive role model to the other children. If your child has shows exceptional learning, they are awarded a **WOW certificate**.

Please look at the school website <http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk> 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 Carlow