

# Elephant Class

Term 1 - September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. It is lovely to see all the children back safe and well after the summer holidays. Miss Page and I are excited about this coming year and we would like to share what we will be learning about this term. Hopefully, we can have another successful year working together as a team to support your children's progress.

The core subjects, English, Maths, Science and RE are given a greater proportion of the weekly timetable, however we will still continue with a session per day of child-initiated. This will usually be in the morning.

Term	Topic	Example coverage
1	Autumn/ Weather and the UK	What festivals do we have in Autumn? What changes can we observe? Different types of weather. The countries, cities and seas around the UK.

## English:

*Fiction:* Storytelling and story writing, stories with repeat phrases, picture books related to the Creative Curriculum,

*Poetry:* Poems about the seasons and the weather linked to the Science topic; poems and riddles about the human senses,

*Non-fiction:* Labels, list and captions; fact files; instruction writing, letter 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 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;* counting forward and backwards to 20; problem solving and reasoning

*Addition and Subtraction;* number bonds to 10 and 20; corresponding subtraction facts

*Measurement;* measuring length and height; telling the time;

*Geometry;* recognising common 2D shape, position and direction

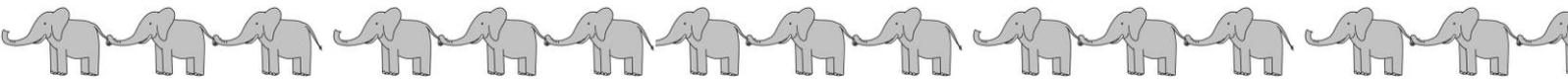
Please encourage your child to talk about the methods and strategies they have learnt in school to secure their understanding further.

## Reading:

It is very important to continue to 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.** Our days for book changes will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Remember, the first read is for decoding the second read is for fluency and understand - Even good readers need to re-read books.





### **Homework:**

A piece of creative curriculum homework will be set at the beginning of Terms 1, 3 and 5. The children are given two weeks to complete this. During this time, there will be no English and Maths homework set.

Homework will set for the term and will include a spelling activity based on the common exception words and a maths activity related to counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. This should not take longer than 15 minutes.

### **Spellings:**

Children will no longer have weekly spelling tests, instead they will be tested each term against the year 1 words.

### **PE:**

PE lessons are on Monday and Tuesdays 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.** If your child has earrings they will need to be taped or the earrings removed ready for PE. School staff are not able to do this.

As always, the children can bring in a water bottle to drink in class filled with water only. They are able to drink this at any time throughout the day, except during whole class teaching which lasts approximately 15 minutes.

Now the children are in Year 1 they will receive house points for good sitting, listening, working hard and for following instructions correctly. As the children wanted to keep the shop, house points will match their 1ps. 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.

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

Please remember, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Carlow and Miss Page.

