

# Elm

# Newsletter

January 2018

## Homework and spellings

As per usual, homework will be given to the children on a Wednesday, to be collected the following Wednesday. The homework will relate to either the topic or maths work that the children have been focusing on during lessons. It has been great to see such fantastic homework so far and I am looking forward to what the children create in the future.

Spellings will also be given out on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday. I will give children 6 spellings per week to learn this half term. Children will be given a spellings book, which they will be able to take home for you to monitor their progress. Their book must be returned in their book bags on Mondays.

## School book bags

We encourage the children to keep their belongings inside their **school book bag**. Their book bags are placed in a book bag box in the morning, which allow staff to quickly change reading books and hand out letters and information. Water bottles should be kept out of book bags in case of any leakages. Thank you for helping to restricting key rings to just one on book bags.

## A note from Mr. Rowe

Hello there, I hope you have had a great Christmas break. We've had a lovely first week back and settled back in perfectly. We have a fantastic term ahead planned, as well as our class assembly coming up very soon. There's a lot to look forward to.

## Our Topic

Every half term we start a new topic and for this half term we will be focusing on 'On a Journey'. We will be continuing to look at a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. The topic relates to different journeys people take, as well as how they get there. This is a great opportunity to introduce space stories, such as 'Man on the Moon'. Please see the attached mind map for more details about what we will be doing in this topic.

## Reading Challenge

A quick reminder about our reading challenge. Every day you read with your child please could you write it in their planner and we will count it as 1 read. If you read 2 or more books in one day this will still count as 1 read. For every 20 reads your child will win some house points and then when they reach 100 reads they will be given a prize and presented with a certificate in a special assembly to which you will be invited.

## P.E

P.E. lessons will take place on a Tuesday for this half term. Please ensure your child brings their kit, including pumps, in a named bag. We ask them children to take their kit home at the end of term for washing. P.E. sessions this term will be led by Mr. Robinson.

## Feedback Form

I value our home-school partnership. Please provide any comments, concerns or suggestions that you may have or anything that you would like to tell the school or your child's class. Return it to your child's class teacher.

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