

# Elm Class Newsletter Autumn 2 2018

## English

At the start of this term, our English learning will continue to be based on Quest by Aaron Becker. The children will write their own narrative based on the images in the book.

Later in the term, our learning will be based on Ice Palace by Robert Swindells. The story is set in a snowy landscape and depicts a journey of the main character Ivan. We will use the text, drama and images to extend our vocabulary and understanding of the emotions felt by the characters at different points. Throughout the term, children will develop their vocabulary and explore how language can be used to create atmosphere through close examination of the text. The children will develop their use of expanded noun phrases with the addition of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositional phrases. They will refine their use of inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech. Children will apply these skills to write detailed descriptions of the setting when writing their own narrative based on the text.

## Maths

This term the children will be developing their written methods of addition and subtraction using 3 digit numbers. After this we will be moving onto multiplication and division, focusing on 3, 4 and 8 times table facts. Formal written methods will be used when calculating.

Later in the term, we will look at measurement; specifically length and perimeter. The children will be given problem solving activities and investigations to enable them to apply their learning and develop their reasoning skills.



## DT

In DT we will be exploring textiles. The children will examine different fabrics; learn a range of sewing and joining techniques; and learn how to use a paper pattern to create a cloth product. They will then apply these skills to design and create a simple tote bag to meet a set of design criteria.

## Science

In science the children will identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature. They will set up practical enquiries to test their ideas and record their findings using simple scientific language; labelled diagrams; graphs and tables.

## Geography

Our geography learning this term will be closely linked to science and will further develop the children's understanding of the water cycle. The children will also learn about the features of a river. Our main focus will be the River Thames.

## Additional Information

Our PE lessons will take place on Monday and Thursday this term, although this is subject to change so can you please ensure that your child's PE kit remains in school. Appropriate PE kit should be worn for all lessons. Homework expectations for year three children are daily reading, weekly spelling and one piece of Maths per week.

Please remind your child to bring their book bag, and reading book into school everyday. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.