

Elm Class Newsletter Summer 2021

Science

Our science topic this term will be Light. We will learn about the importance of light to be able to see things and that darkness is the absence of light. We will create shadow puppets and discuss the best materials to use for these, and use our puppets to find patterns in the sizes of shadows. On a sunny day we will also make human sun dials and measure the changes to our shadow over time.

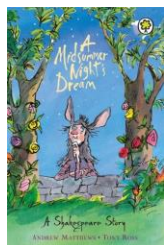
English

Our learning this half term will be based on the story play A Midsummer Night's Dream. Children will be exploring the characters and use their inferences to inspire their own version of the story from the point of view of the character Puck. We will be developing our use of paragraphs, speech and descriptive language and continue to expand the range of punctuation and sentence types used in our writing.

Mathematics

This half term we finish off learning about Fractions of shape and quantity. We will be finding equivalent fractions, adding, subtracting, comparing, and ordering them – ask your children to show you how a BAR model helps.

We then move onto time, recapping analogue times O'Clock, half past, quarter to and past, and learning to tell the time to the five and one minute. We'll compare duration and solve problems about time too. Each lesson has a mental math's activity where we revisit place value, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.



History

In History we will be learning about Maritime Greenwich. Using primary and secondary sources, we will investigate evidence of local maritime history in Greenwich today. We'll look for evidence of Lord Nelson in Greenwich. Using a ship's muster roll from Nelson's time, we will work out where sailors were from and their impact on Greenwich today.

DT

Bridges is our focus for the entire term, we will be researching different types of bridges, learning about their construction, planning our own, creating prototypes, final products and evaluating these.

Computing

In our computing lessons, children will be developing their use of digital technology to communicate. They will use PowerPoint on PCs and Keynote on iPads to create presentations. They will draw comparisons between the two platforms and evaluate their uses.

Additional Information

At present PE is still on Thursday's, please come dressed in your kit before school. Hopefully, we will have some news about swimming soon! Homework expectations for year three children are daily reading, weekly spellings and one piece of maths' per week; this will be in the form of calculations, games, investigations, or times tables. Do email the school if you ever need to speak to myself or Ms Cook.