



Welcome to Elm Tree

We hope that you and your family have all had a great Summer break and are ready for a fantastic Autumn term. We have lots of interesting subjects to look forward to including learning all about Mayas in history and exploring natural disasters in geography. We will also be taking a look at different animals and humans in science.

Below we have highlighted a few handy things for you to know about our weekly routine:

- Our PE days are Wednesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor). Children can come into school in their school PE kits plus plain joggers / leggings and a plain hoodie. Please ensure your child also wears trainers and not pumps as they will be wearing these shoes all day so need good foot support. If your child has their ears pierced, then we advise they take them out on PE days as we are unable to assist them in school. Otherwise they will have to be covered with tape.
- As part of our PE children will attend weekly swimming lessons on a Friday. Elm Tree are due to begin their lessons **after the Christmas break** and this will continue weekly until the end of the year.
- Developing reading is a top priority in KS2 and we aim to hear your child read individually and as a group. We also provide many other opportunities to read in school too. However, we also need your help! Please aim to listen to your child read at least three times a week and sign their journal every time they read. Please feel free to comment on how well they have done too! If your child reads at least three times a week, they will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into a prize draw to be our reading champion at the end of each term.
- Homework will be given out every Friday and will need to be handed in no later than the following Wednesday. It will always be published on Google classroom. The homework will be an extension of what your child has been doing in class and will be focused on maths and English.
- There will also be weekly spellings posted on google classroom for your child to practise. They will also have access to Spelling Frame where they can play games to practise their spellings and also take a practise test. Children will have a spelling test every Friday on the spellings they have been practising that week. This test will be carried out in class on Spelling Frame so it is beneficial if children practise at home to become familiar with the layout and structure.
- Children have a log in for TTRS which can be found in the front of their planner. They can use this to practise their Times tables throughout the year as we learn more.
- Your child will be awarded house points each day for good behaviour, positive attitude, acts of kindness and hard work. To achieve bronze the children, need 80 points, silver is 160 and gold is 250 points. We will also choose a 'star of the week' every Friday in our celebration Assembly.
- To help us throughout the day would you please label all your child's clothes, lunch boxes and water bottles.

We hope that has answered any questions you may have. However, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to one of our team.

Many thanks for your support and we look forward to a fantastic term together.

Miss Hewitson and Mrs Holden