

Welcome Back – Elder Tree Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

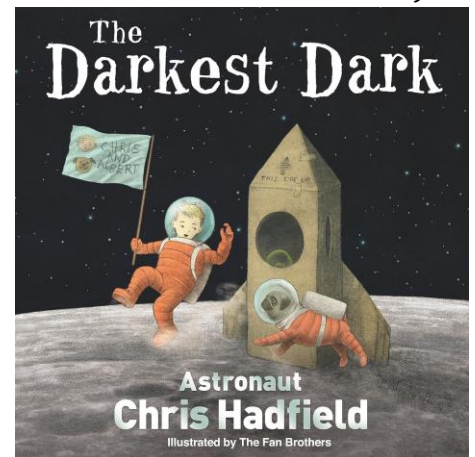
Happy New Year! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for an exciting term ahead.

Maths and English

We will be focusing on developing our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages then position and direction, measurement and shape - in particular perimeter, area and volume. Throughout our sessions, the children will focus on developing their problem-solving skills, making decisions, working logically and checking results.



In our English lessons this term, we are continuing to work on our knowledge of punctuation and grammar from across KS2, with a particular focus on being able to extend our sentences through the use of different clauses. All of our writing across the year will be inspired by high quality texts and children's literature and we will be starting the term off with some writing linked to the story, *The Darkest Dark*. Where possible, we will try to link our spellings in class to our writing also. We will be completing daily whole class reading sessions to develop the children's reading stamina, pace, understanding of vocabulary and comprehension skills alongside individual reading sessions where each child will be heard to read by an adult weekly. Alongside everything we do in school, it is incredibly important that children are reading a variety of texts both fiction and non-fiction regularly at home and recording their comments in the planners. The planners need to be in school daily and to be signed at by an adult regularly. Finally, the children will need to focus on using spelling strategies and rules consistently to ensure they spell a variety of common and uncommon words accurately. They need to be practising their spellings regularly at home. Please see the spelling strategies document to support your child learning their weekly word lists at home.



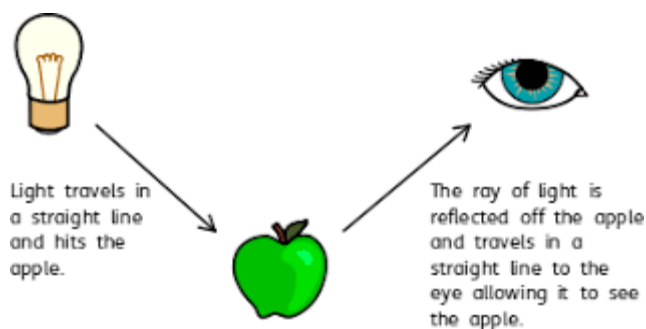
The Wider Curriculum



Our Geography topic for this term is 'Why Is The Amazon So Important?' and the children will be looking at the direct impact and effects of The Amazon Rainforest and River as well as the wider effects on the world. In History, we will be studying The Ancient Egyptians and looking at what life was like in 3000BC.



Science



This term, our science focus will be on light - how we see, shadows, reflection and refraction. The children will learn how light travels and how this enables us to see objects. Please read through our curriculum overview and knowledge organisers to see some of the exciting things planned.

Homework

Continuing on from last term, we will be setting a weekly English and maths task for the children to complete on Learning by Questions. These tasks will be set on a Friday and should be completed by the following Friday. All of the tasks will be linked to learning that has taken place in school so the children should be able to complete the tasks mostly independently. If you find your child struggling on a particular question, please make a note of the question number and we can go through this in class together.

PE

Sessions are scheduled for Monday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor) and this term we will have a focus on real leaders and orienteering as we continue to introduce the children to new sports. Children should come to school dressed in their PE kits on these days.



Y6 SATs

As I am sure you are already aware, this year all Year 6 children will complete their End of Key Stage 2 National Assessments – more often known as SATs. These will take place in the month of May and we ask that you ensure any absences are prevented as best they can be during this time. Your child will be prepared for these throughout the year as part of normal classroom practise and if you have any questions at all regarding these, please contact a member of the Y6 team in school.

I hope that you have found the information in this letter useful, but for any other updates or information – please remember to follow our class web page and twitter (X) feed - @Elder_Sankey. If you wish to contact me at any time, I am available through the school office or at the end of the day most afternoons. I am very much looking forward to the year ahead, and know that with your continued support, it will be a great one!

Kind Regards,

Mr Waters