



Elm CLASS NEWS



Welcome back to Summer term 1! I hope you all had a restful Easter. I can't believe we are in the Summer term already, this term will be filled with lots of fun activities for the children as the weather hopefully begins to improve! As always if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

CLASS REMINDERS

- Drop off time is between 8.40am and 8.55am
- Our pick up time in year 3 is 3.15pm from the quad (access via big gate before the playground).
- We will be having 2 PE days- Monday and a Tuesday where children will be required to wear PE kit.
- Remember to listen to your child read often and record in their reading diary
- Academy water bottles are priced at £3 should you wish to purchase one for your child however you can bring one from home. All children must have a water bottle in school each day and this will be sent home to be washed.
- Spelling tests will take place in school on a Friday morning. Word lists will be given out each Friday for the children to be tested on those words the following Friday. If you experience any problems with these please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Summer Term 1

Our topic this half term is....

GODS AND MORTALS

FROM NOTHINGNESS CAME CHAOS; FROM CHAOS CAME AIR AND WATER; FROM AIR AND WATER CAME LIFE. THEN, RISING MAJESTICALLY FROM THE DARKNESS, CAME GAIA, MOTHER EARTH, A BEACON OF WARMTH AND LIGHT. DISCOVER A FANTASTICAL WORLD FULL OF MYTHICAL CREATURES AND LEGENDARY HEROES. POSEIDON, APOLLO, ARTEMIS AND ZEUS REIGN ALMIGHTY FROM MOUNT OLYMPUS, WATCHING MERE MORTALS ON DUSTY ATHENIAN STREETS. MEET THESEUS, THE HERO, AND HELEN OF TROY, THE BEAUTIFUL FACE THAT LAUNCHED A THOUSAND SHIPS. EXPLORE THE TERRAINS OF GREECE, WHERE IN PURE BLUE SKIES, THE SUN SCORCHES WAXEN WINGS AND MELTS THE FORTUNES OF ICARUS AND DAEDALUS. THEN DECIDE YOUR OWN FATE WHEN A MYSTERIOUS BOX IS FOUND AND STIRS YOUR CURIOUS MIND.

English

In English we will firstly be focusing on persuasive writing and learning all the techniques to try and persuade someone throughout our writing. We will be revising poetry and continuing to develop key skills such as adverbs, conjunctions and punctuation. Throughout the topics we will be pushing our focus on handwriting, presentation and spellings.

Maths

We will be consolidating and finalising our learning on Mass and capacity before moving onto the second part of fractions which this involves adding and subtracting fractions. As always speedy tables will be completed daily.

Science

To mark the arrival of Summer, our Science topic this half term is 'Plants'. We will study the functions of the different parts of plant and find out about germination and investigate what a seed needs to grow.

Topic

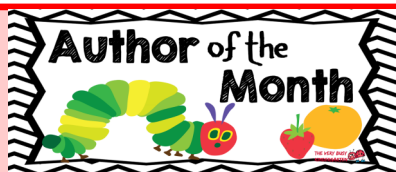
Children will learn about Ancient Greece. They will identify the human and physical features of Greece. In Art children will have the opportunity to design their own Greek pots. We will explore the importance and impact of the lives of the Ancient Greeks and how that is evident in the way we live our lives today.

- Tuck is priced at 25p, £1.25 for a week. Tuck orders and payment will be taken on a Monday for the rest of the week. Your child will need to place their order and payment will be made online.
- Please ensure that all long hair is tied up each day.
- Please ensure all uniform and PE kit are labelled with your child's full name.

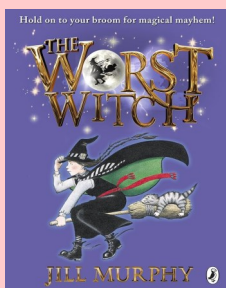
Number of words children would have heard by the age of 5 if they were:



Here's how many words children would of heard by the time they were 5 years old!



Miss Beaman's author of the month is Jill Murphy.



P.E

Our P.E day is...



Monday & Tuesday

On **BOTH** days children should come in PE kit. PE kit includes: *plain black joggers, leggings or shorts (no logos please), their P.E t-shirt and an academy jumper or academy hoodie.* They can also wear their trainers for the whole day.



READING BOOKS

Reading books will be changed on a weekly basis. Please can children bring in their books and reading diaries every day should a member of staff hear them read.

Thank you.

- If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to email me at:
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