

# Elmhurst School

Year 2

Autumn Term 2018

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new academic year at Elmhurst School. We hope you had a lovely Summer break and are as excited about the new school year as we are.

Mrs Gimbel and Miss Moore will be teaching class 2G;

Miss Fowler will be teaching class 2F.

The children in Year 2 will be supported by

Mrs Dunn and Miss Green

Mrs Rumble is the Phase Leader for Years 1, 2 and 3

We are all very excited about this term and the learning we have planned!

## Partnership with Parents

We would like to warmly invite you to share the results of the children's art learning in our class gallery this term on Wednesday 31st October at 3pm.

Parents' Evenings will take place during the Autumn term and these will be an opportunity for you to look at and

discuss your child's learning

Don't forget 'Meet the Teacher' on Monday 17th September in your child's classroom.

## Home Learning

Your child's home learning book contains their new homework choices for this term. They need to choose a task to complete in the learning log each week and return it to school **by Monday**. Children will be given their home learning book back each week on a **Wednesday**.

There are a range of tasks in your child's home learning log. All the activities in the book are planned so the children can be creative and have fun while learning. It would be great if your child can complete them independently but feel free to support them.

## Reading and Spelling

Your child is expected to read at home **7 times** each week. Please listen to your child read and sign their Home/School Planner to show that they have read at home.

There will also be **10 spellings** each week for your child to learn. These will be put inside your child's planner.

There are many super ideas on how to best learn spellings online.

[www.theschoolrun.com/teachers-tricks-make-spelling-easy](http://www.theschoolrun.com/teachers-tricks-make-spelling-easy)

## Number bonds

As part of the National Curriculum children are required to be able to recall number bonds to 20. 10 times tables. These will be learnt during our Maths sessions, however *children will benefit greatly from daily number bonds practice at home.*

## Humanities

In History we will be learning the story behind the first aeroplane flight and explore the impact that the aeroplane has had on the world. The children will be encouraged to make connections and draw contrasts between their own lives and the lives of people in the past. They will be expected to discuss and identify the importance of the first flight and use timelines to explore the history of aviation.

In Geography we will be learning about the seven wonders of the world. The children will improve their geographical knowledge of the world as well as develop an appreciation of the many natural and man-made, ancient and modern wonders of the world. The children will develop enquiry skills using a range of atlases, images and video material.

In RE we will be discussing ourselves and what is special to us. We will explore people and things that are important and why.

## Physical Education

The children in 2G will take part in PE lessons on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays** and the children in 2F will take part in PE on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. Please make sure that named PE kits are in school **EVERY DAY**.

PE kit should include a pair of trainers, black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and a white t-shirt. Please be aware that Outdoor PE will take place in almost all weather so your child will also need a black sweatshirt and black tracksuit bottoms to keep them warm!

Please make sure that your child has a different pair of shoes for PE with **good grip** for working on the grass and on the playground.

## Reading

The children will continue to have Guided Reading sessions where we focus on their understanding and interpretation of the text. They will also have the opportunity to take about and discuss books during Book Talk sessions. Your child will also be heard read individually.



## Writing

In Writing we are going to continue to extend our skills through the Talk for Writing approach and will be focusing on both fiction and non-fiction texts. We will learn all about a range of classic fairy tales.

We will be writing our own versions of the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Cinderella', focusing on sentence structure and writing cohesive stories.



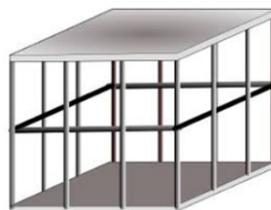
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## Spelling

In Year 2, children will begin daily spelling sessions. In these sessions children will build upon their existing phonics knowledge but will also learn about how different words are formed and the rules associated with spelling them. These sessions are taught using an interactive program and are an enjoyable introduction to daily spelling sessions.

## Science

In the Autumn Term the children will be learning about materials. We will be investigating properties of materials and finding out the best material for a purpose. We look forward to investigating lightweight materials for aeroplanes and strong materials for a cage to trap a giant..

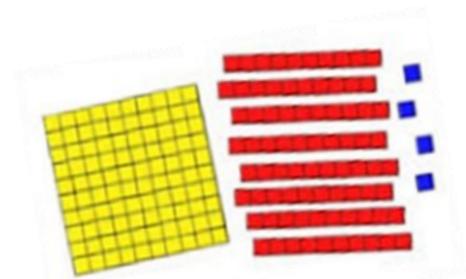


## Learning for Life

In our Learning for Life sessions this term we will be exploring...  
How We Can Help  
and  
What is Bullying?

## Maths

In Maths this term we will focus on developing the children's knowledge of number and place value using numbers up to 100. We will also be comparing and ordering numbers.



Later on in the term we will work on addition and subtraction. We will be using a variety of practical methods to solve calculations as well as develop mental calculation strategies. In Year 2, children will be given regular opportunities to apply the skills they have learnt in outdoor learning and investigations. During these sessions children are encouraged to share their ideas and work with a partner to solve a problem.

## Talk Partners

At Elmhurst school all pupils are given a new talk partner every week. We use talk partners to help with our learning both on the carpet and at our tables. This means that children will change their tables and carpet places regularly. This means that children are not grouped by ability so please do not be concerned if your child moves table regularly.