

Elstow School - Curriculum Overview for Year 2, Summer Term

English

This term we will be using the text *Fantastic Mr Fox* by Roald Dahl. We will be exploring the characters and settings within this story. The children will write a letter to warn Mr Fox about the horrible farmers. We will continue to focus on capital letters and full stops. We will be using the Punctuation Pirates to help us with this. It is important that the children also practise their handwriting skills and ensure their presentation is of a high standard. Letters should be correctly formed and of a consistent size. The children will also be recapping their knowledge of word classes and identifying these within their texts. We will continue to focus on different spelling patterns and applying them in our writing.

Mathematics

We will begin the term by revising place value when estimating 2 digit numbers on a number line, as well as comparing 2 digit numbers with < and > signs.

We will then recap over the four operations and the methods to calculate answers. We will look at using a number line, partitioning and arrays. We will also apply these operations to problem solving involving money and measure. In addition, we will look at the inverse of these calculations to help check our answers and answer missing number problems.

We will also be learning how to find $\frac{3}{4}$ of an amount, using our knowledge of counting in 4's and multiplying by 3. Also we will be reading scales in divisions of ones, twos, fives and tens.

We will continue to practice the multiplication and division facts of the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

Science

In Science children will be learning about Electricity. We will learn where electricity comes from and how appliances are powered. We will discuss electrical safety. The children will learn how to draw and make a simple electrical circuit.

After half term we will be learning about Astronomy. The children will learn about the planets in our solar system.

We will learn that the Earth travels around the Sun and the Moon orbits the Earth.

History

This term we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The children will begin by learning about how England was divided into two Kingdoms during the Anglo-Saxon times.

During the topic we will also learn about how the Vikings ship building skills and how they used long ships to explore.

This exciting topic will also teach the children about how the Vikings invaded Britain and learn about Alfred the Great and King Canute. Please refer to the website for key facts and vocabulary.

Art & Design

This half term the children will be looking at Early Christian and Medieval Art in England.. We will learn that Anglo-Saxons created Art from metal and used interlaced designs. We will then paint our own illuminated letters using the decoration of pictures and patterns. The children will also learn about the Bayeux Tapestry and how it shows the events in the 1066 Battle of Hastings.

Phonics

This year children will continue to develop their phonic knowledge. Some children will continue to learn decoding skills using alternative phonemes and graphemes.

The children who are working within Phase 6 will begin to learn spelling patterns. Weekly spelling will be sent out on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

PSHE

This term we will be focusing on friendship. We will also be discussion aspirations and trying our best.

The values for the summer term are perseverance, tolerance and pride.

Physical

Our PE lessons take place on Thursdays. It is expected that children come to school already dressed in their PE kit on these days. This term we will be learning about athletics and dance. Every day we will take part in the Daily Mile.

Education

Computing

We will begin the term looking at computer safety. We will think about how we use the Internet safely and how to be kind online.

We will develop our keyboard skills by using a word processor. We will learn how to space our work and how to start a new line.

The children will also continue their work on algorithms and programming.

Geography

After half term, we will be learning about the countries that form The British Isles.

We will be studying each country in detail, looking at where they are in the British Isles, the physical features and their capital cities. The children will also learn about the similarities and differences of the UK and other smaller areas around the world.

Music

This term we will be celebrating friendship through music. We will learn to listen and appraise songs from different artists. As well as learning to play untuned instruments and prepare for a vocal performance. The children will develop an understanding of pitch, rhythm and pulse.

Religious

In RE we will be studying who is an inspiring person.

The children will also be learning about who is a Muslim and what do they believe.

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