



Year 3/4/5/Elms Curriculum Overview – Autumn 2

English

In English, we are continuing our work around James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl and will be starting to complete work around another well-known text - Matilda. We will focus on a range of genres this half term: narrative, recount through newspaper reports, letter writing and balanced arguments. We will also use different events as a stimulus for our writing including Bonfire Night and Christmas. We are focusing on using a wider range of fronted adverbials and extending our sentences using a wider range of conjunctions.

Music

In Music, we will complete the unit 'Three Little Birds' with a focus on singing, composition and learning how to play the glockenspiel.

Computing

We will complete coding through 'Route Planners' and explore 'Branching Databases.'

PE

In PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics where we will be travelling in different ways and creating sequences using shapes, balances and rolls.

History

We will complete our topic of Stone Age to the Iron Age by learning about the Beaker People and their significance. We will find out what life was like for Bronze Age people and how trade and society changed for people in the Iron Age.



Science

In Science, we are learning about forces and magnets. We are going to identify different push and pull forces as well as contact and non-contact forces. We will investigate how things move on different surfaces and present these findings in different ways. We will also investigate magnets and magnetic materials. Some Year 5 pupils attend Oaks for Science where appropriate.

How to get involved at home

- Support your child to continue to read their home reading book and record in their reading record for karate reader bands.
- Encourage your child to complete any weekly spellings.
- Practise times tables up to 12 x 12 (this can be verbally or through online resources such as Maths Frame and Hit the Button).
- Practise key Maths facts such as number bonds to 10, 20 and 100.

Maths

In Maths, we are learning how to use inverse operations to check calculations and apply our learning to solving addition and subtraction problems. We are then focussing on length and perimeter before moving on to multiplication and division where we look at specific times tables (2, 3, 4 and 8) as well as formal methods. Tasks are adapted dependent on year group.

Design and Technology

We are going to evaluate, design and create our own Christmas stocking.

Geography

This half term we are learning about volcanoes. We will locate and label continents, oceans and countries in Europe. We will learn about the Earth's surface and what is beneath our feet. Elms will also compare mountains and volcanoes using their knowledge of the individual features and focus on Italy as a country before completing a case study on Mount Etna.

French

We continue our topic 'Je parle Francais.'

R.E.

We will continue around Hinduism and different Hindu beliefs before moving on to why advent is important for Christians.