



Year 3/4/5/Elms Curriculum Overview – Spring 1

English

In English, we are focussing on two texts this half term with our writing being based around these books. The first is a wordless book called 'Journey' by Aaron Becker. As the book has no words, it really allows the children's imaginations to run wild. After this, we will then read and complete some writing around the book 'The Sheep Pig' by Dick King Smith. Elms will write a wide range of genres including: diary, newspaper reports, non-chronological reports, persuasion (leaflet and balanced arguments). We will have a greater focus on narrative.



Music

In Music, we will complete the unit 'Glockenspiel 1' with a focus on learning how to read notes on the staff and recognise note values.

Computing

We will learn about and create branching databases before moving on to learning about spreadsheets through using Purple Mash.

PE

In PE, we will be focusing on dance. We will learn about street dance and complete activities such as creating a canon.

R.E.

We will learn about Christian worship and beliefs and the significance of the church for Christians.

Science

In Science, we are learning about light. We are going to describe what light is and understand why we need light. Elms will investigate reflection and will learn about how shadows are formed. We will also consider the dangers of light from the Sun. 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 continuing with multiplication and division through learning about formal methods then will move on to the place value of numbers up to 1000 (where appropriate, Year 5 will look at numbers beyond this). We will then apply this new knowledge to recapping addition and subtraction formal methods before moving on to fractions for the first time this year. Tasks are adapted dependent on year group.

Art

We are going to learn about the great architect Friedensreich Hundertwasser and design and build a house/sculpture in the style of the artist.

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 are learning about the topic 'Je me présente' which is all about me.