



## Elm Newsletter Spring Term 2021

I hope you have all had a peaceful and safe Christmas break, and are excited to begin a new term of school. Below is some information that you will find very useful about what we will be covering, within our curriculum, this term. Although some of our class will be working from home this half term, we are committed to ensuring that work provided for home learning mirrors work completed in the classroom, as much as possible.

Our topics for this term are:  
**'New Year', 'Extreme Earth' and 'Titanic'.**

Throughout the first part of the term, we will be exploring our dynamic Earth by focusing on extreme climates before we explore the mighty mountains of our planet.

During the second half of the term, we will be focussing on our Titanic topic. We will have chance to study the great historic event of the Titanic. We will also look at the seas of our planet. This topic will link to the Global Learning topic of life below water and clean water.

### English

In English, our whole class-reading book this term is *The Boy Who Biked the World* by Alastair Humphreys. Children will continue to develop their reading skills using this text alongside reading VIPERS to support them. We will also be completing writing based around the text. We will write non-chronological reports about a country the children would like to visit. We will also write explanations for how mountains are formed as well as continuing to develop our narrative work. We will complete grammar related work to support and enhance the written tasks we complete.

### Maths

Our work this term will begin with place value including negative numbers. We will focus on written methods for subtraction and using the inverse operation to check answers. Children will be problem-solving and encouraged to explain what they have done to reach an answer. We will also complete work on angles of shapes and continue to develop our understanding of decimals and fractions. The children will continue to work very hard to recall their tables to 12 x 12.

### Science

In the first half term, we will be learning about Sound and in the second half term we will be looking at Changing Materials. We will continue to carry out investigations and develop their enquiry skills where this is possible.

If you have any problems or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch through Seesaw or the school email.

I am looking forward to seeing all the fantastic work you complete either in school or virtually this term.

*Mrs Patterson*