



# Elm Autumn Newsletter 2024

Welcome to Elm! Mr. Carlton and Mrs. Pederson wish you a very happy and exciting return to school. We are very pleased to be teaching you this year and can't wait to have a fabulous year full of learning and to share some amazing experiences with you!



Our themes for this term are:

**'Invasion: an investigation of the impact of the Vikings on the British Isles,' '1066,' 'Contrast and Complement,' and, 'Electrical Circuits and Conductors.'**



## English

In the Autumn term, we will build on the skills of previous and continue on focusing on the basics of sentence construction. At the beginning of the Autumn term, all children will use our Place Value for Punctuation and Grammar course. When this course is completed, children will use their skills to look at writing non-chronological reports. They will then apply their learning to setting and character descriptions and looking at narratives through myths and legends. On finishing this, children will focus on job applications, Christmas narratives and letters.

Our handwriting sessions (using Letter Join) will continue to focus on how to form letters correctly, sit letters on the line and to write with increasing fluency. The children will continue to learn the diagonal and horizontal strokes needed to join their handwriting. At Kirklevington Primary School we follow the cursive handwriting style.

## Reading

All children in our class will continue to read 1:1 in class and at home. Throughout the week, our children will bring home their reading record every night. Children will have a chance to move up the pit stops for each time they read at home during a week. At the end of the week, children that have read **four** times at home will reach the end of the race for a special championship prize. Children will continue with their VIPERS sessions in school that they are used to from previous year groups. These sessions will focus on teaching and consolidating integral reading skills.

## Maths

In Year 4, we will focus on number and place value this term. We will start with numbers to 1000 and build on the skills learnt in Year 3 expanding these to count in 25s and rounding to the nearest 1000. We will then look at the four operations using adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers and multiplying

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and dividing by -6, -9 and -7. We will finish our term looking at measurement. We will build on our understanding of kilometres and also look at perimeter and area.

In Year 5, we will build upon our understanding of number and place value from Year 4. This will include numbers up to a million and rounding to 10, 100 and 1,000. We will then look at adding and subtracting numbers with more than 4 digits including using the inverse of the operation. From this, we will move into looking at facets and multiples of 10, 100 and 1,000. Year 5 will also look at understanding prime, square and cube numbers. At the end of our Autumn term, Year 5 will also look at measuring and calculating perimeter whilst understanding the areas of compound and irregular shapes.

In the Summer term of Year 4, all children in that year group will undertake a National Multiplication Tables check. This will ensure that all children are fluent in their times tables. Even more focus is therefore essential.

Your child has a login for Times Tables Rockstars which they can access via the internet or on an app at home. Their log in details should be glued inside the cover of their reading records. Any useful websites for maths, including I See Maths, Hit the Button and the Daily 10 are available via **Mr. Carlton's link tree at the bottom of the page.**

## Science

In the Autumn term, our children in Elm will look at States of Matter and Electricity. When learning about states of matter, children will learn to compare and group materials together (using solids, liquids and gases); observe the changes that some materials undergo during heating and cooling measure the part played by evaporation and condensation.



When learning about electricity, children will start by looking at the use of electricity within their contexts. They will then construct simple circuits, identifying its basic parts. They will also make a complete loop using a battery, a switch and lights. They will also look at common conductors and good insulators

## Homework

Your child will also be given a weekly spelling list to learn on a **Friday**, which they should practise at home. They will be tested on these spellings the following **Friday**. These spelling words are matched to National Curriculum expectations for your child's year group. They appear on Spelling Shed and are announced in the messaging announcement function on Seesaw each week.

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Please also practice times tables on the Timetables Rock Stars app every week.

## **PE**

PE will be taught each Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child wears a PE kit to school on this day. In the first five weeks, we will be developing our cycling skills through workshops with North East Cycling Academy. All equipment is provided by the company. Children do not require bikes / helmets from home. During the first half-term, lessons will be outdoors so children will need to wear a **sweatshirt/hoodie, t-shirt, jogging bottoms or shorts and trainers**. No jewellery (especially earrings) or football kits please. Children with long hair must tie hair in a bobble prior to PE lessons. **All pupils should have a water bottle in school every day**. As well as this, we will be participating in the Daily Mile, so your child is welcome to keep some trainers in school (in a bag on their peg). Year 4 will be going swimming this half-term and you will be informed of this separately.

## **Forest School**

Children will take part in Forest School throughout the school year. This will take place on a Wednesday morning. It is essential that all children come into school with a pair of wellies (or a spare pair of trainers) and a fresh pair of socks. It is going to get very cold and wet in the winter months.

## **Mr. Carlton's Link Tree -**

[https://linktr.ee/mrcarlton?utm\\_source=linktree\\_profile\\_share&tsid=f77a9540-8bbe-4830-8ec3-f57566aac3d7](https://linktr.ee/mrcarlton?utm_source=linktree_profile_share&tsid=f77a9540-8bbe-4830-8ec3-f57566aac3d7)

Thank you for your support,

Mr. Carlton and Mrs. Pederson