BACK TO SCHOOL

ELM CLASS NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

MEET THE TEACHERS

Staff who you will see working within Elm Class this year:
Ms Croft (Class teacher)
Miss Wallhead (SCITT Student)
Mrs Cornwell
Mrs Ham
Mrs Kennedy
Mrs Smitheringale (Weds PM)

COMMUNICATION

Communication is key to supporting your child's success. Wherever possible, face-to-face conversations is our preferred method of communication, and myself (Ms Croft) as class teacher should always be your first point of contact. Please note that we will no longer be using Class Dojo. All school messages and updates will now be shared via Bromcom.

PE DAYS

PE lessons will take place every Wednesday. Children should come to school wearing their PE kit on this day. Please ensure that PE kit follows the school uniform policy, including appropriate PE clothing and suitable footwear. For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn for PE lessons. Wednesday afternoons will be covered by Mrs Smitherignale.

MATHS

Year 1 and Year 2 children will be focusing on place value. Learning will take place through a range of practical activities, written tasks and mathematical games to help develop a deep understanding of number.
We will also be working on key mental maths skills, including counting, ordering and comparing numbers, as well as developing children's confidence in reasoning and problem-solving.

PHONICS

All children will take part in daily phonics sessions to support their reading and spelling development.
Please engage with any RWI videos sent home to watch as this will really support your child to progress.

ENGLISH

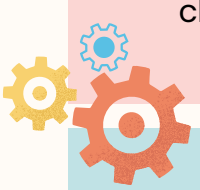
We will be focusing on transcription skills, including forming letters correctly through handwriting practice and using punctuation accurately in our writing. Children will be encouraged to sound out words accurately using their phonics knowledge to support both reading and writing. Our english lessons will use a new book each week as a stimulus. To promote a love of reading, children will be able to choose a different reading book each week to enjoy and share at home in addition to their RWI book which your child can read to you.

GEOGRAPHY



Get ready to become weather experts! This term, our Geography topic is Wonderful Weather. Children will explore the countries of the United Kingdom and their capital cities, as well as the seas that surround our islands. We will learn how to use compass directions to describe locations and develop our map-reading skills.

We will also investigate different types of weather and discover how the seasons change throughout the year.



DT

This term in DT, children will become designers and makers as they explore moving books. They will investigate how simple mechanisms, such as sliders and levers, can create movement within a page. Using their creativity and problem-solving skills, children will design and make their own interactive moving book. They will learn how to plan, construct and evaluate their work, thinking carefully about how their moving parts can bring stories and information to life.

We are excited to see the children's imaginative ideas and watch their books come to life!

SCIENCE



Get ready for some exciting scientific discoveries! This term, our Science topic is Animals, Including Humans, with a special focus on classifying and grouping animals. Children will become young scientists as they explore different animal groups, investigate what makes them similar or different, and learn how scientists sort living things. Through hands-on activities, outdoor learning and investigations, we will develop observation skills, ask questions and discover amazing facts about the animal world around us.

We can't wait to see the children's curiosity and enthusiasm grow as they become expert animal classifiers!

RE



This term in RE, children will explore the big question: What is a human being? They will learn that humans are animals who share certain characteristics, while also considering what makes people unique.

Through stories and discussion, children will discover how important texts help us understand what different people believe. We will focus on the Christian belief that the Bible is a special and important book, exploring the story of Creation in Genesis and what it teaches about why the world exists.

Children will learn that many Christians believe humans are made in the image of God, giving them a special place in the world and a responsibility to care for others and the environment. Through this topic, we will encourage thoughtful discussion about identity, belonging and how we can make a positive difference in the world.

MUSIC



This term in Music, our topic is My Favourite Things, where children will develop their understanding of pulse and rhythm through singing, movement and playing instruments.
Children will explore how music has a steady pulse (or beat) and learn to keep in time through a range of fun and practical activities. They will clap and sing rhythms, move to the beat, and use instruments to copy and create simple rhythm patterns.
By the end of the unit, children will be developing their confidence in keeping the pulse, performing rhythms accurately and following instructions as part of a group performance. We are looking forward to making music together and seeing the children grow as young musicians!

COMPUTING

This term in Computing, our topic is Technology Around Us. Children will develop their understanding of technology and explore how it helps us in our everyday lives, both at home and at school.
Through practical, hands-on activities, children will become familiar with the different parts of a computer and build their confidence using a keyboard and mouse. They will learn how to use technology for a range of purposes and begin to understand how digital devices support learning and communication.
We will also explore the importance of using technology safely and responsibly. Children will learn what to do and who to ask for help if they ever see something online that makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.





PSHE

This term in PSHE, our topic is Being Me in My World. Children will explore what it means to feel special, valued and safe both in school and within our wider community.
We will focus on building positive relationships, understanding what it means to be part of a class, and learning how we can work together to create a happy and successful learning environment. Children will discuss their rights and responsibilities, celebrate achievements, and learn about the importance of rewards, making good choices and understanding consequences.
As a class, we will create and follow our Learning Charter, helping everyone to feel respected, included and ready to learn.
This unit encourages children to develop confidence, responsibility and a sense of belonging within our school community

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year in Elm Class, filled with learning, creativity and new experiences. By working together, we can help every child grow in confidence, develop their skills and achieve their very best.
Thank you for your continued support. We can't wait to share all the wonderful learning and achievements that lie ahead this year! 🌟🍎📚
The Elm Class Team ?

HOMEWORK

Please see the homework poster for ideas on supporting your child at home this term. Please send in any work they do for us to share.
Children are expected to read their assigned book at least 3 times a week at home. Please sign their reading records to enable them to gain green points. Year 2 are also expected to play on TT Rockstars.

