

Elms Class (Year 2 And Year 3)

Welcome to Elms or welcome back! We have some very exciting activities and learning opportunities planned for this year and have been looking forward to getting to know our new class. The children have impressed us with how hard they have worked over these first few weeks - especially considering the extreme heat we have been having.

Our first overall topic for the year is 'Invasion 1066'. Where possible we will be making reference to this in our learning and across a range of different subjects. The Norman invasion of 1066 is our focus for History especially and we hope to have a visit to Dover Castle to support this learning - watch this space!

In English we will focus on using full sentences that include the correct punctuation and description whilst exploring how we can expand our ideas. Alongside our written work we will be working on learning how to spell high frequency words as well as a range of different homophones.

In Mathematics we begin the year by reviewing and extending our understanding of place value. We will then build on this to begin learning the formal method of addition and subtraction. During the week we will also be practising our number bonds initially and then move onto learning our times tables to help us with our mental maths skills.

Our Art lessons will explore the big question 'Can sewing ever be Art?'. We will examine a range of different pieces of textile art including the Bayeux Tapestry and work to design and create our own. Later in the term we will consider 'What can I include in a healthy packed lunch?' and will be tasting and creating our own healthy lunches.

'How does my life link to Brazil?' is our big question for Geography. We will be learning about where Brazil is; what it is like and comparing life there to our own. Any photographs of Brazil would be gratefully received as source material!

Within Science we are going to be exploring the question 'Are humans the same as other animals?' We will be learning about the physical similarities and differences between animals and humans as well as the dietary requirements.

Our R.E learning focuses around answering 'What is it like to follow God?' We will be learning about why Christians follow God; whilst at the same time learning more about the people in the bible who followed God.

In Elms we begin the journey of learning a new language; our school focuses on learning French and this term we will begin by learning how to pronounce letters of the alphabet as well as learning how to meet and greet each other.

We have a very busy first term ahead of us!