

Elms Class (Year 2 and Year 3)

Happy New Year!

This term in English we are using the novel *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell as our focus. We will use it not only to help us develop our understanding of language in our focused reading sessions but also as a stimulus to improve our writing skills.

Within Science we are answering - Do all forces need contact with an object to act? We will be carrying out lots of investigations and developing our understanding of fair tests as well as developing our knowledge about forces and magnets.

In French we will be learning how to say different animal names as well as continuing to develop our new link with a group of children in Calais in French! We wrote our first letters before Christmas and are hoping for a reply soon.

R.E lessons this term are focused around answering the big question; What is the good news that Jesus brings?. We will be learning what Christians believe the good news is that Jesus brings. We have begun our learning journey by sending our own personal good news cards to members of our own families to see if they reply by sending their good news stories back.

Within Computing we are answering the question; How are search results selected? We are going to be developing our knowledge about the basics of how search engines use web crawlers to index the world wide web (WWW).

In History we will be learning about the Vikings and will be working to answer our big question - 'Were the Vikings 'goodies' or 'baddies'?' Our trip to the Dover Museum will assist our learning.

In Art we are finding out how artists tell stories within their work, we will be looking at the work of illustrators and will illustrate some stories ourselves.

In PSHE we are focusing on our dreams and goals, thinking about what we would like to achieve and learning that sometimes the journey to where we want to be is challenging but that with perseverance and resilience we can get there!