

Elms Class (Year 2 and Year 3)

We have another very busy and exciting term planned for Elms. We are hoping to have several educational visits in June and July (when the weather is hopefully at its best) to support the children's learning and allow them additional opportunities for learning. Thank you to all the parents who have offered lifts to children to Samphire Hoe - we are very appreciative of this help. Team Elms is very much looking forward to providing the opportunity for children to learn in a new environment and visit new places together!

In Mathematics we will continue to embed our understanding of number and place value and are very focused on ensuring children have the key concepts they need for their next year group. Our particular focus for this term is shape and measures.

Our English lessons will continue to develop the fluency and use of descriptive language appropriately in their writing. We will embed the use of punctuation to structure writing. Currently our class text is *The Sheep Pig* - which we are very much enjoying. Later this term we will read *The BFG* and *Charlotte's Web* (thank you to parents who have donated books to the class or provided their child with a copy of these stories).

Elms has a new focus for learning for the rest of this school year - Elizabeth I. Where possible learning will link to this idea and our trip in June to London will help us to broaden our understanding of this. In History our big question is 'How did Elizabeth I influence Britain?'. In these lessons we will learn about what life was like at this time, how Elizabethans changed Britain, the Armada and compare life then to how we live today. Our Art lessons focus on learning 'how artists represent the human form'. We will learn about portraits (including Tudor works); develop our ability to draw faces and create our own portraits.

Geography lessons focus on children knowing 'what the UK is like'. We will learn where major cities and landmarks are located, what the different human and physical features of the UK are and examine the different ways land is used within our country.

In Design and Technology lessons we are learning about how fabric is joined together. We will be looking at how pencil cases are made and designing and creating our own.

In PSHE we focus on learning about Relationships, focusing on the role of stereotypes, sharing and responsibility.

Our Music lessons are focused on the children preparing and learning songs for the Dover Schools Festival of Song later this year. They are very much enjoying these and we are impressed with the number of children who have been learning these at home!

Light is the theme of our Science lessons - all we need now are some sunny days to help us with our investigations about shadows! We will be honing our independent investigative skills as the term progresses.

Our focus in RE is learning about who a Muslim is and what they believe and make links about their similarities and differences to other religions.

French lessons are focused on learning fruit names and practising the vocabulary we have already learnt this year.