



**Elm
and
Oak**



Newsletter

Term 5

Updates and reminders

Elm & Oak—Year 3

We hope you have had a fantastic Easter break and are raring to go for the new term.

Home Learning: We received some excellent home learning last term and hope you enjoyed working with your child. The Home Learning for Term 5 will be sent home at the start of the new term. Pupils should aim to complete a number of activities to score a minimum of 10 points. 15 points or more will earn a certificate.

Dates for the Diary

INSET DAY Academy Closed	16/04/18
First day of Term 5	17/04/18
Elm Class Assembly	18/04/18
Bank Holiday Academy closed	07/0518
Walk to School Week starts	21/05/18
Celebration Afternoon	23/05/18
Last day of term	25/05/18

Learning Journey : “There’s no Place Like Home”.

Maths

This term the children will be exploring fractions and time. They will learn about unit and non-unit fractions, along with counting in tenths up to and over the whole. For Time, the children will be learning to estimate and read time to the nearest minute, alongside learning roman numerals from I (1) to XII (12).

English

This term we will begin with a Performance Poetry unit. The children will revisit performance techniques and will create and perform their own poems as part of a grand Poetry Slam across the Year 3 classes. The next unit will be an exploration of Tales of Fear, our main text being ‘The Papaya that Spoke’. Our final learning will be based around persuasive writing techniques,

with a particular focus on letter writing.

Art This term we continue working closely with



local artist Tom Kofoed, exploring ways of creating and depicting journeys similar to that of Hansel and Gretel. The resulting art will be displayed in the Jerwood Gallery in June, together with a catalogue of their individual creative journeys. We will publish the exhibition dates nearer the time, and we very much hope that parents and carers will be able to visit and enjoy their exhibits.

Learning Journey

The Learning Journey this term is “There’s No Place Like Home”. The children will explore the features which make their home town so individual, eg some of the key attractions of a seaside location. They will make cultural and geographical compari-



sons between towns and cities in other locations, especially those in other countries.

RE During Term 5, the children will explore the idea of marriage, comparing different cultural ideas and religions.

Learning Journey continued

Science Term 5’s learning will focus on exploring the effects of different types of Forces and Magnets.

They will investigate friction and how magnets ‘work’. They will learn to identify magnetic poles, applying this knowledge to create a working compass.

Ways to help at home

Spellings and Home Learning will continue to be set

termly and will consist of a range of suggested activities that the children need to complete across the term in order to earn points. If they earn sufficient, they will be awarded a certificate.

We can’t wait to see the creations for this term’s home learning! Please continue to read at home with your child. You may wish to question them on their reading, eg Who are the

main characters? What are they like? How do you know? What might happen next? What has happened so far?

The children have Mathletics passwords. This is a fantastic tool for engaging children with Maths, and they can earn certificates.