



**Elm
and
Oak**



Newsletter

Term Four

Updates and reminders

Welcome Back: All of the staff in Year 3 hope that you have had an enjoyable break over the half term and are excited and ready to start term 4. This term will be busy as it is another short one with lots of exciting opportunities for the pupils to enjoy.

Home Learning: We received some wonderful home learning last term and hope you enjoyed working with your child. The Home Learning for term 4 has been sent out via ParentPay. Pupils should aim to complete a number of activities to score a minimum of 10 points. Your child will also receive a printed copy with their scrapbook.

PE/Outdoor learning: This term, year 3 will have the opportunity to participate in outdoor learning sessions with Miss Matusiak. Half of Elm class will have their sessions on a Monday afternoon, with the other half of the class having their sessions on a Tuesday afternoon. Half of Oak class will have their sessions on a Thursday afternoon, with the other half of the class having their sessions on a Friday afternoon. The first outdoor learning session will take place on **Tuesday 26th February**. Please ensure that your child has a full outdoor learning kit in the academy for these sessions.

Elm class will have their PE session on a Wednesday afternoon and Oak class will have theirs on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in the academy.

Maths

The pupils will begin the term by continuing to develop their knowledge and understanding of time, including calculating durations of events when start and end times are given.

They will then be developing their application and understanding of fractions with a focus on recognising, finding and writing fractions of a set of objects: unit fractions and non-unit fractions with small denominators.

The pupils will also be learning that tenths arise from dividing an object into 10 equal parts and in dividing one-digit numbers or quantities by 10.

Throughout the term, the pupils will continue to learn and implement their times tables and we will be grateful for any support you can offer your child in embedding

these.

English

Our key text this term is *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, an adventure story set in North America.

The story sees Edward, a china rabbit, experience different settings, identities and owners, thereby gradually learning the value of friendship. Edward's often harrowing experiences help to shape him from a vain, pompous creature into a thoughtful and considerate friend.

Throughout this unit, the pupils will look at the themes of friendship and loyalty, explore how a character changes through the course of a story, discuss writing similar to that which they are planning to write in order to understand and learn from its structure, vocabulary and grammar and assess the

effectiveness of their own and others' writing and suggest improvements.

The pupils will also read Anthony Browne's version of

Hansel and Gretel to explore stories which are set in familiar settings.



Science

In Science this term, the pupils will be investigating and exploring light.

The pupils will learn about how light is reflected from surfaces and that we need light to see. The pupils will explore how darkness is the absence of light.

The pupils will then investigate how shadows are formed and will look for patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

Dates for the Diary

INSET DAY - ACADEMY CLOSED	25.02.19
First day of term 4	26.02.19
Outdoor learning begins	
World Book Day	07.03.19
Book fair	21.3.19 - 26.3.19
Elm class assembly	27.03.19
Last day of term 4	05.04.19

Learning Journey 'Lost!'



This term the pupil's learning journey, entitled 'Lost', has a Geography focus.

The pupils will use and interpret maps, globes, atlases and digital / computer mapping to locate countries and explore their key features.

They will identify where counties are within the UK and name and locate the cities of the UK.

The children will explore weather conditions / patterns around the UK and parts of Europe.

They will then compare and contrast different locations around the world.

Art

In Art this term, the pupils will experiment with shading, using different media and will learn about complementary colours, colour as tone and warm and cold colours.

The pupils will then create a collage using overlapping and layering techniques.



World Book Day This term, Robsack Wood will once again take part in World Book Day! The day will start with parents being invited into school between 9:00-9:30 to listen to their children reading, and then the rest of the day will include lots of reading activities throughout the day. Pupils are invited to come into the academy on this day dressed as a character from their favourite book (no comic book characters). There will be a prize for the best outfit - a £5 voucher to spend at our book fair!