



# Elm Class Newsletter – Term 3

## Welcome back to Term 3

We hope you have had a fun and relaxing Christmas holiday and a great New Year. We are thrilled to be in our new building and we are looking forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities in Term 3.



### Maths

We will start the term by continuing with our work on fractions. We will be calculating with fractions and building our confidence and speed with each of these different processes. Towards the end of the term, we will be looking at understanding and calculating with decimals and building links between our fraction and decimal knowledge.



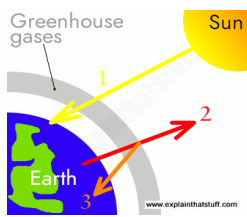
Our KIRF for this term will be 'I can find decimal, fraction and percentage equivalents'.

### English



Our text for this term will be 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We will be focusing this term on different styles of non-fiction writing including a set of detailed instructions, a discussion and a persuasive leaflet. These will enable us to showcase the grammar skills we have learnt within different contexts. Alongside this, we will be thinking carefully about the level of formality we are using within our writing so that it is appropriate for the text type.

### Connected Curriculum



Our curriculum question for this term will be 'Why is our world getting warmer?' For this term, we will be focusing on the different states of matter and using a range of scientific skills to investigate reversible and irreversible changes. We will also be exploring how greenhouse gases affect the world's climate and the effects that global warming is having on our Earth. We will focus on Bangladesh and discover the issues that global warming is causing there, as well as what we can do to help.

### Home Learning

We ask that you support your child to read at home at least 3 times per week. Please record what they have read in their reading diary and sign and date it. Please ensure that they bring their book and diary to school every day.

Homework:	Set on:	Return by:
Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	Monday	The following Monday
Maths	Wednesday	The following Wednesday
Reading	Thursday	The following Thursday

Your child will also have a Times Table Rockstars login and we would like all children to practise their mental maths facts on this at least 3 times per week as well.

### PE

PE will take place on **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school on these days. This includes a **plain** house-coloured t-shirt, plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings/shorts and trainers. The normal Elm Park sweatshirt or PE hoodie must be worn.

### Water bottles and snacks

Please ensure that your child brings a **full** water bottle to school with them every day.

Your child may also bring fruit or a healthy snack for morning playtime (no crisps, chocolate bars etc. please).



If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office to arrange a phone call from me.

Thank you for your continued support.

Rosie Griffiths