



Autumn Term 2026 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to Class Elm and 1HW.

Welcome back! We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled summer holiday.

We are delighted to welcome the children to Year 1 and are looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term ahead. In this newsletter, you will find information about what the children will be learning across the curriculum, as well as important dates and reminders for the term.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to **Mrs Woolley** at our Somers Park site or **Mrs Willis** at our Malvern Vale site at the beginning or end of the school day. Alternatively, you can contact us via the school office email.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the Autumn Term.

Reminders and notes

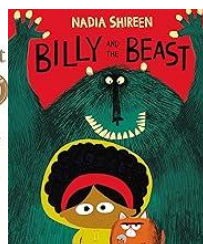
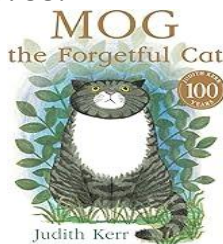
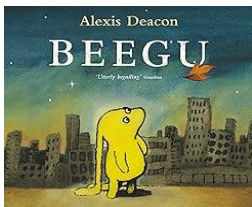
- Water bottles – please bring them every day.
- School uniform – please ensure your child has the correct uniform every day.
- Labelling belongings – please label everything!
- Reading folders – Bring them to school everyday!

Upcoming events and dates

12th October – OPAL Parent Event (1-3pm)
13th & 15th October – Parents Evening
26-30th October – HALF TERM
20th November – INSET day
18th December – Last day of term

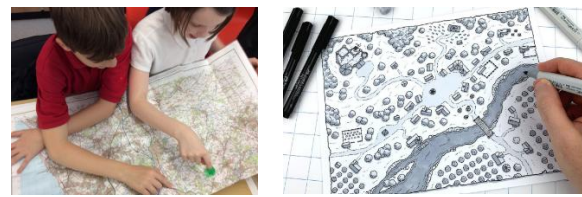
What we are learning

English - We will be building on the work done in reception by consolidating our phonic knowledge and building our sentence writing skills. Children will learn to write on the lines, form their letters correctly and use capital letters and full stops. We will also be exploring adjectives.



Geography

In the second half of the term, we will focus on Geography with a topic on where we live. Children will learn basic map skills and will suggest improvements to our school environment.

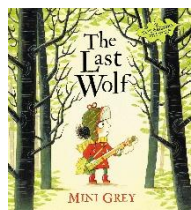
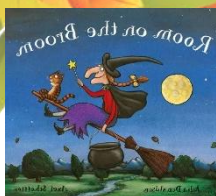
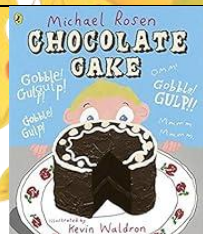
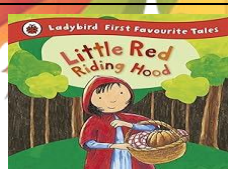


Art and Design –

We will be exploring how to draw spirals using lots of different media and finding them in our natural world

Design & technology

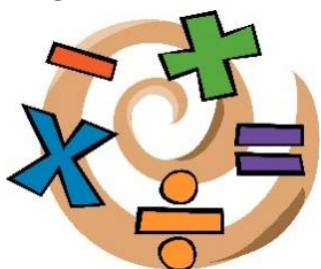
In the second half of the Autumn term, the children will be making a moving vehicle with wheels and an axle.



Mathematics –

In maths this term we will be looking at place value, addition and subtraction and recognising and describing shapes

We will continue to work on our arithmetic skills, as well as regular reasoning and problem-solving activities.



Science –



In the first half of the term, we will be focusing on our senses and naming different parts of the body. After half term we will move on to learning about animals and how to recognise mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and fish.



Computing

The children will be looking at computer systems and networks and how we communicate using these.

PE

On **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** 1HW will be doing PE. Forest school will be on a **Wednesday** for the first half term.

On **Wednesdays** Elm will be doing PE. Forest school Will be on a **Tuesday** for the first half term. After half term PE will be on a **Monday** and **Wednesday**.

In PE we will be doing fundamentals where the children will explore jumping, sprinting and different ways to move.

After half term we will be doing dance and ball skills.

Music

The children will be learning how to keep the pulse in a piece of music in the first half of the term and then using instruments and their bodies to listen and respond to music for the second part of the term.

PSHE-

My healthy self:

We will be recognising and naming a range of emotions, learning to identify facial and body clues linked to feelings.

Connecting with others:

Identifying what makes them and others feel special. They will learn how friends, family and class mates can help and support each other.

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We will be asking the questions..

What is Christianity and what do Christians believe?

We will explore who Jesus is, what it means to be a Christian and what beliefs are important to them.

What stories, places and times are special to Christians?

This topic will lead us into Christmas where we will read stories about the birth of Jesus and discuss Christian feast days and traditions.

History

In the first half term we will be looking at how toys have changed over the past 100 years. Children will be using their analytical skills to explain how they know a toy is modern or old.



Home Learning

Reading:

Children are expected to read five nights per week for around 10 minutes and parents are to record this in their Reading Record. Reading Records are checked every day. The children will also be sent home with red words every half term when they move phonics groups. These can be practised when you have spare time. Your child has been provided a reading folder to keep their reading record and books in. They should have their reading books in school every day.

Children also have a chance for their name to go in the wheel if they read 5 times a week. If their name is chosen they win a book from the vending machine.

Spelling:

Spellings are handed out each week on a Friday; the following week the children will write some dictated sentences in class using some of those words. They will not be given a mark.

Children should bring in their Spelling book every Friday.

Maths:

We would encourage you to do lots of counting and number recognition as part of your daily lives e.g counting steps and recognising door or bus numbers. Children will be given access to the Numbots website to practise their skills after half term. Information to follow.

PE Information

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays we will be doing PE in 1HW. For the first half term PE on a Wednesday will be replaced by Forest School.

On Mondays and Fridays Willow will be doing PE. For the first half term PE on a Tuesday will be replaced by Forest School.

This term 6MM, 6GL and Willow will be covering units in dance and gymnastics.

Outdoor PE for Willow will be Tag Rugby and hockey, for 6MM and 6GL it will be hockey and netball.

