



Bournebrook
Church of England Primary School

Elm Class – Summer 1 Newsletter 2025

What's happening in Elm Class this Half Term?

Maths	<p>Year 1 This half term, we will begin exploring the foundations of multiplication and division. The children will learn to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s, recognise and create equal groups, and start representing multiplication using arrays.</p>	<p>Year 2 In number work we will be: Learning the 5- and 10-times tables. Understand what a fraction is. Find and recognise halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and amount. In topic maths, we will be making tally charts, tables, block diagrams and drawing and interpreting pictograms.</p>
English	<p>In the first part of the term, we'll be preparing for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. The children will explore the features of instructional writing and learn how to give clear, step-by-step directions. They'll then write their own instructions on how to make a jam sandwich and enjoy a successful picnic with their teddy bears. In the second part of the term, we'll move on to persuasive writing. Inspired by our "Save Our Planet" theme, the children will create eye-catching posters and write persuasive letters encouraging the local community to take better care of our environment.</p>	
	<p>Year 1 To be able to use Phonic knowledge to create independent and purposeful writing using correct grammar and tense.</p>	<p>Year 2 Use the present and past tense (including progressive form). Use the conjunctions: when, if, that and because. Use apostrophes to mark singular possession in nouns.</p>
History / Geography	<p>On the Farm We will be finding out about how farmers produce the food that we eat. We will be learning about: The names of the countries, capitals and seas of the UK. Names of local villages, towns, cities – Fillongley, Corley, Nuneaton, Coventry. The four seasons and how they affect weather patterns. That NSEW are compass directions. How farmers plant and harvest crops and locally produce crops that we all eat. How some food cannot be grown outside in the UK. Where some common foods are grown in the world.</p>	
Science	<p>Living Things and their Habitats. We will be grouping animals and identifying and describing their different features. We will find out about the differences between herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. We will be investigating what pets eat and gathering data about the pets owned by the children in our class.</p>	

Computing	We will be using Micro:bits to program an output. We will use programming blocks to write instructions to make the LEDs of the Micro:bit light up for different purposes. We also experiment with different inputs to start our instructions such as a movement sensor.
RE	In RE we will be looking at what Christians believe it is like to follow God. This includes reading the Bible story 'Noah and the ark' and exploring religious ceremonies such as weddings in Church.
Music	In Music, we will be listening to and appreciating different types of music and we will be learning some songs.
PSHE	Relationships We will consider roles within our families and how we can show appreciation. We will also be considering how to be a good friend and resolve conflicts should they arise. We will think about how we show respect as global citizens.

Home Learning / Learning Opportunities

As part of our work in science, you could encourage your child to think about their own pets or favourite animals. What types of food do they eat, where do they live and how can we care for them?

If you have any family or friends who work on a farm you could ask them questions about how they are involved in producing food and the sorts of equipment that they use.

Dates to Remember

Teddy Bears' Picnic – Friday 9th May

On Friday 9th May, the children will be enjoying a special **Teddy Bears' Picnic** to celebrate the end of our instructional writing unit. They are invited to bring a teddy bear from home to join in the fun. Please make sure your child's teddy is clearly labelled with their name.

Homework

Year 1

Homework will be sent out on a **Tuesday**. **Spellings** will be on **Purple Mash** and maths games to support number bonds and early timetables skills.

Year 2

Homework will be sent out on a **Tuesday**. **Spellings** will be on **Purple Mash** and the children will be encouraged to use **Times Tables Rock Stars** to help them to learn their multiplication facts.

Reading – please hear your child read at least three times a week. Children will hand in their reading books on Monday and be given a new book on Wednesday

Library – books will be changed each Friday. Please ensure your child brings them in each week.

PE days are on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**.