



Welcome back Eager Elephants!

Autumn Term 2 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you all had a lovely half term and are settling back in to school routines. Our topic this half term is called '**Explosive Events**'. We will be learning about The Gunpowder Plot and why we have bonfires and fireworks, as well as learning about why fireworks are used in other celebrations such as Diwali. Remembrance is another theme that we will be exploring. Look out for further information on this in the school newsletter.

We will also be learning about The Great Fire of London and how Fire-fighting has changed since then. In Science we will carry out some investigations to find out how materials change. Our Art and DT focus this term will be on designing and making a model Tudor House.

As Christmas approaches we will be finding out about how different people around the world celebrate Christmas.

Reading

Children will be reading daily on an individual or group basis during Shared Reading. They also have access to reading eggs at www.readingeggs.com.

Spellings

They will be practising spelling patterns, phonics and handwriting on a daily basis and will bring home a spelling book mark to help with some of the trickier words.

Maths

In Maths they will be working on multiplication and division and developing mental calculation strategies. They will be solving word problems involving numbers and money. It is important that children know their number bonds to 20 and their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables, they will be practising these daily. Don't forget you can also use 'mathletics' at www.mathletics.co.uk to help with skills.

PE

PE will be on a Tuesday (Dance) and Friday (Multi skills) this term. Please can you ensure that children have their PE Kit of white T-shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms and plimsolls or trainers in school on those days.

PPA Cover

On Wednesday afternoons Mrs Stoddart will continue to teach the class.

A huge thank-you for all your on-going support and as always please do not hesitate to catch a member of the team should you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Vowles and Mrs Beard and Miss Severn