



# Eastbury Farm Primary School

## Autumn Term 2023 - Curriculum Newsletter



### Years 1 & 2

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. We are all so excited about this year, especially now that we have our newly built outdoor learning areas – we hope you love them as much as we do!

This year, Elm will be taught by Mrs Gulamhussein, Chestnut will be taught by Mrs Cornish and Ms Jenshil and Larch will be taught by Mrs Rowlinson. Mrs Rowlinson will also be leading Year 1.2. The teachers will be supported by Mrs Ranabahu and Miss Brown and Mrs Godbold.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the term with our Harvest celebration and of course the highlight of the Autumn calendar; our KS1 Christmas production in December.

A few reminders for this term:

Your child must have their PE kit on the appropriate days. If the children bring their kit on Monday and take the kit home on Friday for washing, this will ensure that PE kits are always available if lesson days change. All kit should be **clearly labelled**.

Please ensure that in addition to any packed lunch drinks, your child brings a named, clear, reusable plastic bottle of **water** to school every day. We continue to provide healthy snacks for morning break times.

Each phase has a specific Reading Record with National Curriculum key words for phonics and reading along with many other spelling tools and checklists that you will find very useful. Please ensure that home reading folders come to school **every day**. As well as changing books when required, they are also read in class most days. Please make sure that you record in the reading record **every time** your child reads or their books will not be changed. Thank you.

## Homework

We will continue with online home learning this term.

Each week in Year 1 and 2, we will be sending home:

- Phonics & Spelling (posted on the website weekly – more information to follow)
- Maths
  - Year 1 – posted on the home learning tab of the website every Thursday
  - Year 2 – posted on the home learning tab of the website every Thursday. We will shortly be introducing mymaths to Year 2 as another homework resource through [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk) Updates to follow in the next few weeks
- Topic - occasionally
- Reading - children will receive reading books in a reading folder with a reading record (details above).



In these key areas, we will be learning...

### English:

*Reading:* Speaking & Listening, Word Reading & Comprehension.

*Writing:* Transcription, Handwriting & Composition, Spelling, Vocabulary, Grammar & Punctuation.

The above will be covered through daily English lessons.

Genres covered include:

Stories with predictable phrasing, labels, lists and captions, explanations, recounts, poetry (vocabulary building), poetry (rhyming couplets)

### Mathematics:

The children will cover a variety of number and non-number topics throughout this term: Number & Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Money, Measurement, Multiplication & Division, Fractions, Measurement and Geometry.



**Science:** We will be identifying and comparing every day materials by sorting and grouping. We will also be exploring uses of everyday materials by planning and completing an investigation.

**Computing:** We will be developing our understanding of technology around us to help us to use a range of digital devices. We will also be working on our keyboard skills.

**History:** We will be developing our understanding of chronology by looking at past and present. We will begin to explore significant people looking at Florence Nightingale & Mary Seacole. We will explore why people did things and what happened as a result – cause and consequence.

**Geography:** Out and about in our local area – we will be developing our map skills by using a compass, following maps, drawing maps and creating and using symbols.

**RE:** When exploring personal experiences, Christianity, Judaism and Islam, we will be identifying an range of religious symbols, discussing how this helps people to feel like they 'belong'.

**Art & Design:** We will be using the work of Vincent Van Gogh to develop our observational skills. We will also be developing our sketching skills, focusing on shading, as well as using a range of different media.

**Design & Technology:** We will be designing, making and evaluating our own emergency vehicles. We will use a range of materials to cut, shape, assemble and join each component.

**Music:** Through the unit 'Hands, feet, heart', we will be using our listening skills to learn about pitch. Ho Ho Ho is a festive unit that helps us to understand dynamics – loud and quiet.

**PE:** We will be developing our agility, balance and co-ordination skills by performing simple patterns of movement, as well as performing dances.

**PSHE:** Be me in my world – we will be learning about rights and responsibilities in our world. We will listen and share our ideas and opinions when creating a class charter. Celebrating difference – we will be comparing how we are all similar and different. We will be learning to understand and celebrate difference.

What will we be learning about across the curriculum?

## Visits & Visitors

This term we plan to take the children on a trip in our local area, to support their learning in Geography. A letter will be sent home later this term with full details, including the cost of the trip and a chance for parents to volunteer to attend.