



# Class Elm Newsletter

**'We can and will succeed'**

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## Message from the staff:

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. We are really looking forward to starting the summer term!

## Maths:

Year 1 children will be focusing on mass and volume. Then children will be moving on to multiplication and division. Here they will be learning to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s. Children will be introduced to arrays.



In Year 2, children will be beginning a new topic of fractions. In this topic, children will learn to recognise and find fractions of objects and amounts such as half, thirds and quarters as well as learning the written notation of these fractions.

## Geography : What is it like to live in Shanghai?

This half term, we will be looking at what it like to live in Shanghai. We will explore our local area and then compare how Shanghai is different to it.

Children will name and locate some continents on a map and look at the human and physical features.

## Science: Plants

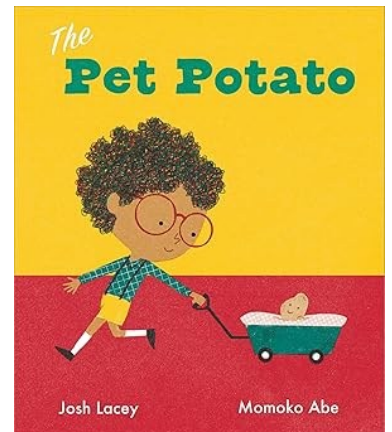
We will begin our topic by looking at the basic parts of a plant.

We will learn how to identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. We will learn how to identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. Children will plant a variety of seeds and then look at the growth towards the end of the unit.

## English:

In English the children will be reading 'The Pet Potato' by Josh Lacey and Momoko Abe.

We will continue to focus on our development of transcription by writing sentences containing known phonics sounds. We will be taking part in lots of different writing opportunities through shared and modelled writing including poetry, personal narratives, letter writing, character descriptions, and instructional writing.



## PHSE:

### Jigsaw : Relationships

In this unit we will be identifying members of our family and developing an understanding that there are different types of families. We will also be exploring why some people are special to us.

### My Happy Mind : Celebrate

In this unit, we will be exploring our character strengths. We will be looking at the difference between who we are and what we can do. We will be looking at how to identify and celebrate our character strengths.

## RE: Why are festivals important?

In RE this half term, children will explore festivals and celebration in different religions and why they are important in the community.

During this unit children will name some celebrations and talk about how these are celebrated. We will discuss our experiences and feelings connected to celebrations or customs. Children will be able to recognise some similarities and differences between festivals and celebrations.

## How to help at home.

Your child's reading book will be changed every **Friday**, they will keep the same reading book for the week. Please listen to your child read their book as often as possible. Listening to your child read the same book helps with their reading fluency and confidence. Please write a comment in your child's reading record each time they read to show how they are getting on with the book they have been given. Please also encourage them to retell the story that they read or explain the key events. Children will also be bringing a library book home every **Wednesday**, which they will choose during their class library slot. Please ensure these are brought in with our child every **Wednesday**, so that they can choose a new book!

## Days/Dates to remember:

- ◆ Library books will be changed in our library slot which is on a **Wednesday**—Please remember to send your child with their library book in.
- ◆ PE this term will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.
- ◆ Homework and spellings are given out every **Friday**.
- ◆ The weekly spelling test is on a **Friday**.