

Welcome to spring term's learning for Elder class.

This tells you what your child will be learning this term in school. We really value your support and the help that you can give your child with their learning. If you would like a detailed overview of curriculum coverage, please see our website [Felix Primary School](http://www.felixprimaryschool.co.uk)

English

In writing this term we will be enjoying the book 'George and the Dragon' by Christopher Wormell. We will continue to ensure that we remember to use capital letters, finger spaces and full-stops in our sentences when writing and create our own exciting sentences. We will also develop our skills in using additional punctuation such as speech marks, exclamation and question marks. We will read the story together and discuss the characters and the plot, before writing our own version.

How you can help at home: Read at least 4 times a week. Talk about the story and your child's favourite parts.

Science

In science, we will be considering living things all around us and the habitats that they live in. This will be an interesting topic where the children will carry out lots of investigative work within the environment. We will look at our local environment and see if we can identify different animals or minibeasts during our 'habitat hunts'

How you can help at home: Talking about different animals and the habitats that they may live in. Watching wildlife programmes/clips together.

Music

Instruments

This term we will be using a range of musical instruments and learning how to play them with a focus on rhythm, tempo and dynamics.

How you can help at home: Listening to music together, clapping and repeating rhythms.

Geography / History

We will be starting our exciting new topic this term by thinking about what life was like in the past and learning about Kings and Queens that have ruled our country. The children will learn what a monarch is, including William the Conqueror, Queen Elizabeth the 1st and 2nd, right the way through to our present monarch, King Charles 3rd.

How you can help me at home: Look together for information on the internet. Visit the library to look at books about Kings and Queens. Design a crown together at home.

Maths

In maths, we will be focusing on building confidence in the areas of money, multiplication and division. We will be using repeated addition to understand multiplication ($2 \times 3 = 6$ is the same as $2 + 2 + 2 = 6$). We will be practising our 2, 5 and 10 times tables by using Times Table Rockstars as well as playing games and using practical resources to support our understanding. In Division we will be using the vocabulary 'share' 'equal groups' and 'grouping'. Money will involve recognising, naming and using coins. Solving money problems involving buying items and giving change. We will make a visit to the bakers to practise these skills

How you can help at home: Practise looking at coins and using them as well as TTRS

RE

We will explore the idea that Muslims believe in one God, called Allah. We will look at how and why Muslims pray. We will look at the mosque as a special place and encourage the children to think about their own special places and people.

How you can help at home: By talking to your child about how families and beliefs can be different, but always treated with respect.

PSHE

Dreams and Goals
This term's topic will continue to develop the skills of resilience and determination as we work towards achieving our individual goals.

How you can help at home: Reminding your child that things are not always easy when we are learning but we keep going.

Computing

We will continue to work about Online Safety, making sure that children understand the importance of this when using technology. We will also learn about data and information and the different ways we can use technology to present this information. We will use TTRS regularly to get speedy at our times tables.

How you can help me at home: Keep a close eye when I am online.

PE

We will continue our gymnastics lessons, thinking about balance, travel and movement. We will build up to making a series of movements and use equipment within these routines. In Dance we will learn a routine and perform it, once complete, to our friends. PE is Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear. Thankyou.

Art / DT

Monoprint and preparing fruit and vegetables

We have two very interesting topics this term. We will develop the skills needed to create our own monoprint in Art. In DT we will be preparing fruit and vegetables and then the really really tricky part, tasting them!

Phonics

Daily phonics lessons support your child's developing reading skills. We will continue to learn and recognise Set 2/3 sounds as well as learning to read words speedily by identifying the 'special friends', then Fred talking and reading the word. Ask the children they will tell you all about it

How you can help at home: Read with me and to me as often as you can.

HOUSE KEEPING

- A reminder that ~~if we do~~ PE ~~is~~ on a Tuesday and Thursday the expectation is that children come into school wearing their PE kit. Please make sure that they have warm clothes in case we are outside
- Please make sure that you check Class dojo for any important announcements and to see how many dojo's your child is collecting when displaying our school values of Achievement, Resilience, Pride and Kindness
- If you have any ~~there are~~ concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact myself through the school office, or arrange to book a time to meet with me. I am also available at the beginning and end of every day.
- Please remember to make sure that all clothing (particularly coats and jumpers) are labelled with your child's name