Elder Class

Autumn 2 Newsletter

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Elder Class Staff

			
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Welcome

Welcome back Elder class! We hope you have had a lovely and restful break and are looking forward to the new term! We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with lots of different celebrations to explore together. December will bring plenty of festive fun, with a range of Christmas activities to enjoy, including rehearsals for our Christmas play!

This term our topic is: Up the chimney.

This term our book is…



Curriculum

Our focus in Elder class will be developing communication, independence skills and building positive relationships within the school community.

A total communication approach, is used and includes using, switches, Makaton, symbols, communication boards as well as language being modelled in the classroom.

In literacy we are going to be exploring different celebrations as well as our book 'I definitely don't like winter', we will begin with exploring bonfire night, then Remembrance Day, and ending with the nativity.

In Maths, we will be focusing on addition and money. We will continue to practise our subitising skills as well as using part and whole models. We will learn the values of different coins and practice using money to purchase items in our role play shop. In PSHE we are focusing on school rules and how they keep us safe and RSHE will see us continue to learn about public and private body parts and places.

On Fridays, we will have Art and Food & Nutrition lessons. These sessions can sometimes get a little messy, although we will do our best to keep mess to a minimum! If you would like to send in old clothes for your child to wear during these lessons, please feel free to do so.

We love taking our learning outdoors and hope to make the most of the playground and outside areas in all weathers. Please send in suitable outerwear for your child to keep in school, so they are comfortable and ready to join in whatever the weather.

Whole School Diary Dates

Please refer to the attached document detailing Whole School Diary Dates.

Food and nutrition – Please log into your ParentPay account where a payment item has been raised. We would appreciate it if you could make a voluntary contribution.

Key Class information

Please send in any snacks/ drinks for your child.

Tuesday	Woods/park/4D room
Thursday	PE and Forest school
Friday	AM: Food and nutrition and Art PM: Library and Trampoline

Keeping in touch

Please continue to use the Home/School book or Tapestry to inform us of any important information relating to your child. We will check it every day but please log into Tapestry for your daily class update. Don't forget to add any home experiences to Tapestry as this provides us with a valuable link to home. Any absence or to notify us of a medical appointment or for general enquiries please email: willoughbyenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk