

English

This term in English we will be learning around our Topic of 'The Big Dip'. The children will learn about the life cycles and features of creatures that inhabit a freshwater pond. They will explore in detail the characteristics of a specific animal to create a fact file about its habitat, nutrition, growth and reproduction and present their work digitally and an information booklet.

Humanities

In Art, they will experiment in using line, tone, shape and colour to represent their chosen animals using different media and also explore printing techniques. They will make 3d models of chosen pond creatures to display in class, making a model pond to show the different layers. In RE the children will be learning about Judaism, the special relationship between Jewish people and God and the promises they make to each other.

Uniform, PE and kit

Children should come to school in named uniform with school shoes, not trainers. They should bring a named water bottle every day. They can also bring in a pencil case with stationery to use and to keep in their trays, if they wish. Elm class will have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has their **named** PE kit in school. Children will get changed at school for PE each session. The children will be completing a run, walk or jog for 1 mile every day. With the likely wet weather at some point, it is essential the children keep a pair of suitable outdoor trainers in school to wear for PE or their 'daily mile' at all times. The cloakroom area is small, so please keep to a minimum extra items being bought in. Children should not bring in toys from home.

Maths

This term in Maths we will continue to follow the White Rose Scheme of Learning. We will cover Place Value including 100s, 10s and 1s, number lines to 1, 000 and 10,000, comparing numbers and rounding. We will also start work on addition and subtraction. Wherever possible, we will relate this to our topic of 'The Big Dip'.

The Big Dip Elm Class Newsletter Term 1



Welcome to Elm Class!

We hope you have had a great summer break! The children have returned to school with enthusiasm and are settling well into the new routines. We have also been delighted to welcome some new children in the class and to St Michael's.

Contact

If you wish to talk about your child at any point this year, please approach us as soon as possible. Please contact us via our email addresses: cpaynter@stmichaelspri.co.uk and lsipson@stmichaelspri.co.uk

We will endeavour to respond to any emails as quickly as possible, however if you have any urgent issues or concerns, please contact the school office so they can let us know as soon as possible. We are always available on the playground in the mornings and after school for to arrange a time also.

Homework and spellings

Please see separate homework grid

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths)

We will be learning about living things and their habitats, including learning about pollution. The children will design and build their own mini ponds before installing them in the forest school area on the school field. They will also use their knowledge of ponds to turn the classroom into a 'pond model' and then display their work to others. We also hope to have a visit to BBOWT Sutton Courtney Nature reserve.