



# Elm Class Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019



Welcome back...

to Elm Class. We hope you had a restful break. Our Early Years Foundation Stage is led by Miss McNeill and is supported by our teaching assistant Miss Shone. Other familiar faces include Miss Southcott, who helps support the children in their learning on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and Mrs Golden, who teaches the children on Tuesday afternoons.

It is getting to that time of the year where it is becoming much colder. Children being able to zip up their own coat not only develops this important life skill, but also work on their fine motor skills and independence.

Useful information...

-This term our topic is called 'Toys and homes in the past'. An outline of our learning linked to the 'Development Matters' framework (The EYFS 'curriculum') is attached.

-Please feel free to speak to Miss McNeill at the gate either in the morning or at pick up time. Should you need a longer meeting please do contact Miss McNeill directly or pop into the office to organise a mutually convenient time.

-This half term, we will be running a Phonics workshop here at school. This is a chance for you to hear how we teach reading through Systematic Synthetic Phonics throughout EYFS and Key Stage One.

- Reading books will be changed every Friday. Please use the reading diary to communicate with school about your child's reading. This can be as simple as 'Super reading tonight!' or more detailed if you wish. For any urgent messages please speak to Miss McNeill or visit the office.

12- November 2019- school photographs

13- November 2019- Phonics workshop for parents 5pm



## ROUTINES

Mornings	Afternoons
English (to include phonics) and Maths  Reception children will take part in their PE lesson on a Thursday morning.	Topic lessons including Understanding of the world, PSED, Physical development, RE, computing and expressive arts.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are running a voluntary donation system called 'Feed the pig'. As EYFS is heavily resourced, the donations help to enhance your child's learning, buy extra resources or subsidise school trips.

