

## Elephant Parent Letter - Term 3 2026

Dear Parents/carers,

**A very warm welcome back to Year 2 in the year 2026!**

I am pleased to share an overview of what we will be learning this term and how you can support your child at home.

### **English:**

In English, we will write reports and magazines, focusing on descriptive settings and choosing adjectives wisely. We will also explore poetry.

### **Mathematics:**

Our focus this term is on *money and multiplication and division*. We will start by simplifying calculations with money, involving pounds and pence. The focus will be on the value of one pound as 100 pence, with an emphasis on making change from one pound. Number bonds to 100 will be reinforced, and we will revisit the number line to support calculations.

### **Science:**

This term, we will explore "*Materials and their use in everyday life*." Children will name objects with the same use that are made from different materials, recognise materials used to make objects with various functions, and understand how stretching, twisting, bending, and squashing can change the shape of solid objects. They will also identify properties that make materials suitable for particular uses.

### **History:**

Our topic for this term is "*How did we learn to fly?*" Children will identify important events surrounding the history of flight, explain how a significant event has changed the lives of others, and ask questions about people and events in the past. They will use primary sources to find out about people and events in history and correctly order five events on a timeline.

### **Art:**

This term, we will explore "*Painting and mixed media - Life in Colour*". Children will demonstrate increased control with materials such as paint, charcoal, and pastels. The focus will be on developing observational skills and using art elements (colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form, and space) in their work. Children will talk about the art they've seen, apply what they've learned about materials, and begin to evaluate and improve their own artwork.

### **PSHE:**

We will continue from last term's *Safety and Changes in the Body*. topic and then move onto *Health and Wellbeing*.

**Music:**

In this unit, titled "*Grandma's Rap*", we will explore beat and rhythm using crotchets and quavers. Children will create 4-beat patterns and perform them to a rap. This unit also serves as the second of three progression snapshots to assess the children's development.

**Reading:**

Each child will have group or individual reading sessions with a teacher or teaching assistant every week. We encourage regular reading at home to develop fluency. Short, regular reading sessions, where adults model reading and children re-read sentences, are crucial for progress.

Books will continue to be changed on a Friday. Please bring in reading books every day and aim to read with your child daily.

This term, we will introduce *VIPERS* - Our focus will be on vocabulary and retrieval, with some elements of the other areas woven into the learning.

**R.E.:**

This term's R.E. lessons will focus on *Humanism*.

**PE:**

PE will be on a Friday afternoon this term. Please ensure that all children have the correct PE kit.

We will be focusing on Invasion games where there are two teams and two goals. Teams try to score in the oppositions goal. For example, football, rugby, netball and hockey. In this term, children will develop their understanding of the principles of defending and attacking for invasion games.

**Spellings:**

We will continue to send new spellings home on Fridays.

**Homework:**

- Daily reading practice
- Spellings
- No formal homework for KS1. Optional activities include Maths, handwriting practice, or online ICT games.

**Key Dates**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January - Non uniform Pyjama day for FoSS Movie evening

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Schools census day

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January - Non uniform day for OPAL

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Football Day

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Safety Internet Day (Workshop date tbc)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February - non-uniform day to raise money for MIND charity

Thank you once again for your continued support. I am looking forward to a fantastic Term 3.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs. Kidd