



Dear parents and carers,

I hope you were able to make the most of the long weekend and have enjoyed a shorter week this week.

In school our preparation for September is well underway. Reception 2021 places have been allocated and we look forward to welcoming our new families. It has been lovely to meet siblings at the school gates, many of whom know each other and are so looking forward to coming.

Our planning for Yr2 transitioning to Yr3 has also begun with plans in place to ensure this runs smoothly and positively for our children. Please ensure all forms are returned as soon as possible to your child's teacher.

As a result of Covid there are many Reception parents who haven't yet had the opportunity to look around our schools and also many of our Yr2 parents haven't had the opportunity to visit the Junior School. Please be assured that as soon as we are able to offer this we would love to show you around our fantastic schools. We are also really hoping for information evenings to be held in real life too if at all possible. Thank you for your continued understanding in regards to this.

Lorraine Wright, Executive Headteacher

#### KEY DATES

2020-21

#### Term 5

Mon 19 April  
to  
Fri 28 May

#### Term 6

Mon 7 June  
to  
Tues 20 July

#### INSET DAYS

Mon 7 June  
Fri 2 July  
Weds 21 July

First day of  
2021/2022  
academic  
year

Mon 6 Sept

#### INSET DAYS

2021-22

Thur 2 Sept  
Fri 3 Sept  
Mon 1 Nov  
Tues 4 Jan  
Fri 8 April  
Fri 24 June



#### Eid al-Fitr

Next week, many of our Elmlea families will be celebrating Eid al-Fitr to mark the end of Ramadan. We hope that you have a lovely time with your family, friends and community. Eid Mubarak!

#### Infants' School Online Book Fair

Every year Elmlea enjoys hosting a book fair for the Infants' children. Unfortunately this isn't able to go ahead this year due to the current restrictions, however we have managed to set up an **online book fair**. Please see below for details. Books can be ordered online and will be delivered to school for your child to take home. For every book you buy, the school receives money to spend with Scholastic and update our book shelves. Our new **Scholastic Book**



**Club is up and running!** Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/elmlea/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, our **school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by May 21st, 2021**. Many thanks from Miss Neal

#### Junior School Book Fair—week commencing 17th and 24th May



We are delighted to announce that the Book Fair will be visiting Elmlea Junior School on the weeks commencing 17th May and 24th May.

Due to current social distancing restrictions, each year group have an allocated day to browse the Book Fair during the school day and then will be given the opportunity to purchase books with their parents straight after their year group's finish time. Please follow guidance from staff on the day to ensure our Book Fair is Covid secure.

If your child walks home alone, perhaps consider collecting them that day or alternatively, books will be available to order via the [attached form](#) - please see attached [Parent Guide](#) for details of how to order. Please note that our School Account number is **20200655**.

Year 3	Monday 17th
Year 4	Friday 21st May
Year 5	Monday 24th
Year 6	Friday 28th

### Team Superschools Visit to Elmlea Infant and Junior School: Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th May

We are very excited to announce we will be visited by Team Superschools for a sponsored event on **Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th May**. As part of the visit Olympic Gold medalist Jason Gardener will be joining us to motivate the children in their circuits, give a presentation about his journey as an Olympian and answer any questions. Children will need to come into school on Monday 17th May (Infants) or Tuesday 18th May (Juniors)



wearing their regular PE kits. For parents wishing to learn more about Team Superschools, visit [www.teamsuperschools.co.uk](http://www.teamsuperschools.co.uk).

For online sponsorship details, please see below as there are different details for the Infant and the Junior schools.

**Hannah Paterson and Holly Rogers, PE and School Sport**



### Team Superschools sponsored event at Elmlea Infants School on Monday 17th May

Team Superschools will be hosting a sponsored event at Elmlea Infant School on **Monday 17th May** with a special visit from the international Olympian Jason Gardener.



The money raised will be used to regenerate the outside area as well as supporting athletes in a variety of sports from grass roots level through to Olympic level. The morning is all about fun, enjoyment and participation, with all children from Reception to Year 2 taking part, regardless of whether they collect sponsors or not. After the event the children will have the opportunity to ask Jason some questions, so that they can learn more about the sport and be inspired by their guest.

Here is the [online sponsorship page](#). Please register your child to be able to make online donations. You can then view how much your child has raised and what incentive they will receive (you can only view your own child). You can also view what the school is raising money for, what the school target is and how much we have raised in total. There are 'incentives' given for raising certain amounts of money, please see lots more information [here](#) Any cheques please make payable to: Elmlea Infants School.

The children will need to come into school on Monday 17th May wearing their regular PE kits. For parents wishing to learn more about Team Superschools, visit [www.teamsuperschools.co.uk](http://www.teamsuperschools.co.uk). We are all very much looking forward to the event. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

**Holly Rogers, PE and School Sport**

### Team Superschools Visit to the Junior School on Tuesday 18th May

The Junior school visit by Team Superschools will be on **Tuesday 18th May** and they will be putting the children through their paces in a fitness based circuit to raise money for the new adventure playground. Children will need to arrive at school in their Elmlea PE kit ready to take part in the circuits that morning.



Please see the attached letter for more information but please be aware all sponsorship is collected through a [fundraising page](#) and the school will not accept any cash as part of any sponsorship collected. As part of the visit Olympic Gold medalist Jason Gardener will be joining us to motivate the children in their circuits, give a presentation about his journey as an Olympian and answer any questions posted by the children. Lots more information can be found [here](#).

**Hannah Paterson, Head of PE and School Sport**

## Forms, Forms, Forms

First of all, thank you to all those parents and carers who have returned their forms and secondly a gentle reminder of return dates for those who haven't!



- ⇒ **Reception Admissions form**—please return by Wednesday 12th May.
- ⇒ **Year 3 Admissions form**— due date Wednesday 12th May.

## Arts Week 'Carnival of the Animals'

We are pleased to announce that our Arts Week themed 'Carnival of the Animals' will be able to go ahead this year complete with visiting artists and a mini-carnival.

The children will take part in a year- group- bubble carnival on the field on the afternoon of Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>. They will be making most of their costumes in school, but will most likely need to bring in a coloured T-shirt and/ or some accessories which will be decided with their class teacher closer to the time.

Also, in the lead up to Arts Week there will be three competitions running that the children can enter. Everyone in school has watched an assembly outlining the competitions this week and further details will be posted on Seesaw.



Please could the grown-ups of children entering the 'Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Competition' read the letter attached by following this [link](#)

Further general information about this competition is available [here](#).

Thank you, again for your time and co-operation in making 'Arts Week 'a continued success!

Mrs. E. Bjelica



## Headlice!

Head lice have been reported in children in school.

We would strongly recommend that a careful search for lice is carried out on your child's hair. Due to the fact that lice can spread quickly, it is essential that all potential contacts are checked and appropriate treatment instigated.



Please ensure long hair is tied up. Thank you for your cooperation.

# Year Group News

## Reception

This week Reception have been continuing their learning on 3D shapes, discussing their properties and building with them. How many did you spot in your house?



cube



cuboid



cylinder



cone

The children have all enjoyed reading with an adult and we are now focusing our phonics teaching on consolidating the Phase 3 digraphs and trigraphs that we have already learnt. Each class is working hard on putting together a short performance for parents/carers on our topics. This performance will be filmed and shared with you via Tapestry soon - we do hope you will enjoy them!

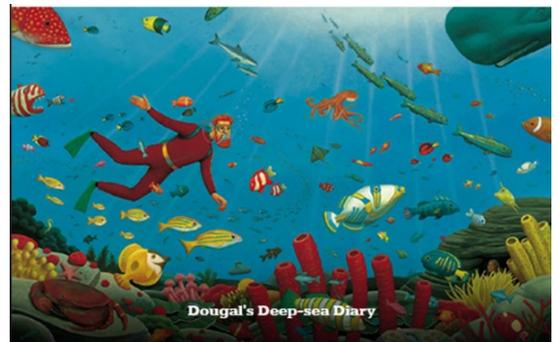
How to help at home: Please practice sight recognition of the sounds/ key words that were sent home with your child last term. We will be checking these next week in order for the next ones to be sent home.

Many thanks,

**The Reception Team**

## Year 1

Another great week in Year One! We've started learning about division and equal sharing. It would be fantastic if you could support this at home by practicing sharing objects and writing division number sentences to match how you've done it. Perhaps it would be fun to try sharing some healthy fruit (or some unhealthy biscuits) between some toys, like a game of Teddy Bear's picnic. We have also been reading the story of Dougal's Deep Sea Diary - a wonderful undersea adventure and a great way to learn some underwater facts and all about keeping a daily diary.



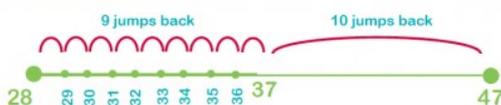
**Year 1 Team**

## Year 2

Year 2 this week have been continuing to learn the story of The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. They have enjoyed using their 'Talk for Writing' actions to help them remember the different parts of the story and then used this to create their own story maps.



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$$47 - 19 = 28$$

In Maths this week, Year 2 have been going over subtraction again. This included them taking away using number lines plus the new concept of column subtraction. They all did really well!

**Year 2 Team**

### Year 3



triangle

Year 3 came back refreshed from their longer weekend and got straight on with another busy week of learning. In geography, we have been learning about the River Trym and comparing current OS maps with maps from 1912.



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In English, we are building up our writing for suspense and tension and in maths, we are learning more about 2D shapes.



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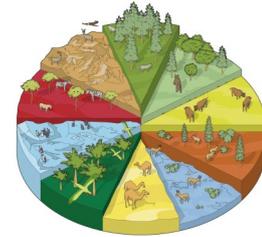
In computing, we are continuing with coding using Scratch and completing the Big Ask. In art, we have been exploring ways to join cardboard to help us when we build our Westbury-on-Trym models.

**Year 3 Team**



### Year 4

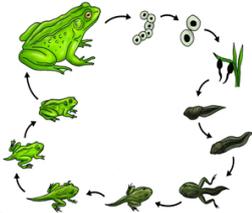
Year 4 have had a lovely week preparing for their own narrative writing in English and are looking forward to sharing them very soon. In maths we have been challenging ourselves with our fraction work and will be continuing this into next week along with a recap of some other maths topics.



As part of our topic, we have been looking closely at Westbury on Trym and also around the school at the different habitats we can find.

**Year 4 Team**

### Year 5



This week, as part of our Science unit, Year 5 continued their work on Lifecycles by studying those of insects and amphibians. They have learned about the term metamorphosis and how this is significant to the development of both insects and amphibians. We have enjoyed viewing their homework efforts with "chitting" potatoes and look forward to seeing the results over the next few weeks...

Other learning highlights have been looking at emergency first aid in PSHeto understand what they could do to help if they found someone unconscious- and completing their biographies about Banksy. Well done Year 5!

**Year 5 Team**



### Year 6

After a lovely long bank holiday weekend, Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed investigating light and learning about the effects of changing the direction of light (through reflection) on the angle of the reflected ray. They were wowed by the demonstration using a laser pointer and disco spray!



Year 6 have also been busy revising concepts in our SPaG and Maths sessions this week, covering



# Trade

a broad range of topics. Within our English lessons, they have got stuck in with writing their online tourist guides using their broader learning, research and prior knowledge of Bristol. In history year 6 have loved developing their knowledge of Bristol's history, finding out more about how trade impacted on the growth and development of Bristol. Within this, they learnt about the role that Bristol played in the slave trade and about key goods that were imported and exported over time. Next week they will be finding out all about industry in Bristol linking back to their knowledge of trade gained this week and finding out about the Industrial Revolution.

**Year 6 Team**



Please see this exciting [letter](#) regarding the Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies!!!

