



## Elm Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to Elm class 2024-25 first newsletter! We are very excited to have a new class of Reception and Nursery children for this academic year.

Phonics - Our core book this term will be The Gingerbread Man. This will be our focus for the first few weeks while the children settle in and then we will begin our baseline activities. The baseline is our chance to see what your child can do independently and record this on our school assessment data program. This data is tracked half termly so that we can see the progress your child is making. You will be invited to a Pupil Progress meeting to discuss your child's learning after the half term holiday.



As the children haven't begun to read words yet, we do ask that every child is read to at home throughout the week, ideally a 15-minute daily story time. Children learn new vocabulary by listening to their parents read. If you come across a word your child hasn't heard before, spend time explaining its meaning. There is a wealth of educational research which links vocabulary to future life success, so this is the time to introduce as many new words as possible. To support daily story time, your child will choose a school library book and a wordless book to bring home each week.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag into school every Monday, with their school library books/wordless book and reading diary enclosed - thank you.

**Phonics** – Reception will begin by learning how to blend and segment. They will also start to learn sounds and bring books/activities home. Nursery will be listening to different sounds in the environment and developing their listening skills.

**Maths** - Reception and Nursery will be following White Rose Math units...

Reception -Match, sort and compare, Talk about measure and patterns, It's me 1, 2, 3.

Nursery – Comparison, shape, space and measure, pattern and counting.

### General Reminders

Please ensure your child has a named drinks bottled filled with water each day.

They will need a PE kit in a named carrier bag left at school, this should include the school PE top, black shorts and trainers, please include some tracksuit bottoms for when the weather changes. Please name **all** items of clothing. PE will be on a Wednesday, if your child is in Nursery, they will join in with PE and can come to school in their PE kit.

**Squirrels** – Please see attached letter about this.

## Weekly Events

**Monday-  
Reading  
Wallet**

**Wednesday  
PE**

**Friday-  
Squirrels**

I will be holding a short, Meet the teacher session on **Wednesday 18th September at 3.20.**  
This will be a great opportunity for us to meet and discuss the upcoming term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

If you have any questions, please email [\*\*J.Wright@consortiumtrust.org.uk\*\*](mailto:J.Wright@consortiumtrust.org.uk)

**Warm regards,  
Miss Wright and The EYFS Team**