



## Lympne Church of England Primary School Elm Class Newsletter Terms 1 and 2 2026

4<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed the abundance of sunshine we were very lucky to have! I am looking forward to teaching the children this year and getting to know them. We will be learning lots of new, fun and engaging topics together.

I have written below what we will be covering in the first two terms.

### **English**

The fiction novel we will be reading and studying in detail to start off our year, will be 'Cogheart,' which is an adventure story about Lily, who teams up with Robert the clockmaker's son and her mechanical fox, Malkin, to find her missing father and escape shadowy figures stalking her. Set in an alternate 1896 London with silver airships and clockwork servants, the trio uncovers a dangerous conspiracy and life-changing secrets, facing betrayal and danger as they search for the truth about Lily's father and mother. I can't wait to read it with the children!

In term 2, we will be reading 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo, who tells the story of Joey, a horse who experiences World War I from both sides of the conflict. This will give us an insight into the differences and similarities of both wars and how the people of Britain were affected. In both terms, we will particularly focus on GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) revision which will help to improve writing, and regular reading comprehensions will develop inference skills.

### **Maths**

We will cover a range of topics in Maths during terms 1 and 2, including number and place value, written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication and division. We will also spend time revising fractions and building on the knowledge that the children learnt last year. I will use the methods that the children are familiar with and challenge them in areas to deepen their understanding.

Alongside lessons, there will be a daily mental maths practice, which will cover all areas of maths. We will be continuing to revise our times tables knowledge and will have regular practice. Over time, I hope the children will become more confident at using mental methods and they should see progress in their fluency and time of answering questions.

Please see our [Calculations Policy](#) for more information about the methods we will be teaching this year.

## Curriculum Overview

|                            | Term 1                                                                          | Term 2                                                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Science</b>             | Classifying: Big and Small                                                      | Energy: Light and reflection                                     |
| <b>RE</b>                  | Creation V Science:<br>Conflicting or<br>Complementary?                         | Gospel: What would Jesus Do?                                     |
| <b>PSHE / RSE</b>          | Being me in my world                                                            | Celebrating Difference                                           |
| <b>Computing</b>           | Online safety                                                                   | Computing systems and networks:<br>Bletchley Park                |
| <b>PE</b>                  | Rounders/Cricket                                                                | Circuits                                                         |
| <b>Art / DT</b>            | Craft and design: Photo<br>opportunity/ Mechanical<br>systems: Automata<br>toys | Structure: Playgrounds                                           |
| <b>History / Geography</b> | Why does population<br>change?                                                  | What was the impact of World<br>War II on the people of Britain? |
| <b>Music</b>               | Harvest preparation                                                             | Songs of World War one and two                                   |

### PE Days

Please refer to the school website for our PE days. They will currently be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

### Home Learning

Home learning will be sent home every Friday (beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September) and to be returned by the following Wednesday for marking please. This will involve a maths task and spellings as usual.

An overview of the term's spellings, including the rules and patterns, will be presented in the children's home learning books (the same as last year) so you can see what the children will be working on in our spelling sessions within school. I would appreciate your continued support in encouraging and assisting the children in reading and playing the online Spelling Shed games to assist their spelling progress at home. There will also be a weekly home learning sheet linked to the week's spellings for the children to have a go at.

TTRockstars will also continue as usual; I will regularly check the children's progress and we will support their learning with daily times tables practice.

In addition, I am always so pleased with any reading that you do at home with your child. This could be reading with your child, reading to your child or simply discussing a book or piece of text together. I encourage all children to continue to read a variety of fiction and non-fiction at home. We are currently setting up a new reading scheme, Accelerated Reader, and you will receive more information on this separately. The children will receive their levels and bring their reading book home by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

### Diary Dates

All diary dates, including those for Forest School, can be found on the [school website calendar](#).

Elm Class are very fortunate to have a connection with 'The Child of Hope' Charity, who are based in Uganda. We have someone coming to visit us on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, who will talk to the children about the vast differences between living here and in Uganda and the children will receive letters from pen pals. We will then write our own letters in return and throughout the year we stay in touch, talking to the children over zoom which is always very special! Elm Class will also set up a JustGiving page again which will go out to families in the hope we can raise as much money as possible for this wonderful charity that we fully support. Last year, we enabled the school to have more supplies including nursery furniture and sporting equipment.

Year 6 is an incredibly important year for the children and they will be expected to carry out responsible roles throughout the school. There will be lots of learning and revising as well as fantastic opportunities for them, such as Bikeability and the residential.

They achieved amazing things last year and I am determined that we will have a superb year together at Lypne School. I am very excited for our new and challenging year ahead!

Kind regards

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Class teacher