



Elm Class Update - Week 3

Autumn 1

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy week! The children have all been superstars lending a hand digging over raised beds in the edible garden of Elm class outdoor area. The children harvested all of the potatoes digging deep to find small and big ones! The children used the wheelbarrow to store them in until we put them in a line to count them. Once we knew how many we had with Ms Lilley's help we divided them equally into small bags for the children to take home. We hope they tasted yummy 😊 All but one of the beds are weed free now and once this bed is clear of weeds, we can begin planting winter vegetables such as broad beans and garlic. The children have been learning new gardening vocabulary such as trowels, forks, spades and raised beds. They know to wear gloves first to protect our hands before we start gardening and wash their hands when we go back inside. The children now know how important it is to wear their wellies in the garden to protect their feet and keep them warm and dry. Wellies are used every day in Elm Class so if your child does not have a pair of wellies in their locker then we would be grateful if you could provide a pair as soon as possible with your child's names clearly written inside. Thankyou.

This week reception children in Elm Class will be taking part in the Governments EYFS Baseline Assessment check. Further information can be found in the booklet already shared with reception families. Thank you.

Areas of Learning

Literacy

Year 1 will continue to finish - Drawing themselves and their family. Year 1 will challenge and extend to phrases/ short captions writing their family and labelling their names.

All of Elm class will be mark making/writing their own names for the inside covers of their individual mark making/ writing and math journals.

Mathematics

This week we will begin to share White Rose Math's Phase 1 stories linked to early years math concepts that we will begin to teach during the coming weeks. We week we will be sharing and discussing stories such as Mr Big by Ed Vere, Naughty Bus by Jan Oke, Crash Boom by Robbie, R Harris and A new house for mouse by Petr Horacek.

Year 1 will begin their White Rose Maths journey focusing on 'Place Value' until week 4.

This week mathematical learning intentions include – Count backwards, count one more, count one less One to one correspondence to start to compare amounts, compare groups using language such as equal, more/greater, less/fewer.

Special treats donations – we would be grateful if you could spare some small change every Monday to donate to Elm Classes small treats fund. Every penny goes back to every child at significant times of the year in the form of special seasonal treats. This small initiative has been well supported by families in the past and we hope to continue it this academic year. Thank you to those families that have already begun donating. Many thanks.

Warmest regards,

Ms Lilley