



Elmtree Infant and Nursery School

Key Stage 1

The ARP- Hazel Class



Parent Curriculum Information Leaflet

As a whole school we will be focusing on the value of being **Ambitious**.

Autumn 1 2026

What we are learning in school

English

We will be reading a variety of fiction books, all set in space! We will start with the whole school text *How to Catch a Star* by Oliver Jeffers and then move on to *Toys in Space* by Mini Grey. We will explore rhyme and rhyming couplets through reading *Ten Little Robots* by Mike Brownlow. We will also read and perform poetry.

We will be doing regular Guided Reading – either reading to an adult individually or in a small group.

We will be writing labels, lists, captions and sentences. We will say what we are going to write out loud first, as this helps us to check that it makes sense and helps us to hear the sounds in the words. We will design and describe our own aliens and also sequence real events to create simple recounts. We will practise forming capital and lowercase letters correctly in our weekly handwriting lessons.

Phonics

In phonics we will continue to follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme. This half term we will be revisiting and strengthening our understanding of the Phase 2 graphemes, including: **ck, ff, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, and y**.

You will see your child using a special hand signal for each sound– this is called *cued articulation* and it helps them to remember the sound and think about how they are making it.

Maths

We will begin by counting to 10 and beyond and recognising the numbers as words as well as numerals. We will be representing numbers using manipulatives such as cubes, dice, Numicon and counters. We will compare and order the numbers and calculate one more and one less than a given number. We will identify and name a selection of 2D shapes and use them to create simple repeating patterns.

How can you help?

Read all kinds of books with the children- fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Talk about what you are reading. What is happening? What might happen next? Do you like the book- why or why not? Encourage the children to join in with the parts of the book that they know, or with the rhyming words.

Set a time for your child to read their Home Reader book every week and then record it in their reading record.

Help them to practise counting to 20 and beyond. Don't forget to go backwards too- and try starting from different numbers or counting in twos!

Remind your child to complete the weekly maths activities on Purple Mash.