



# Elveden Church of England Primary Academy

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back to a new year in Upper Key Stage 2. We are very excited to get started and start building lots of golden learning experiences and memories.

This half term our topic is Inside Out, in which we will be learning how the circulatory system works, by creating a clay heart and learning all about how our blood works. We will also be looking the geographical features of Minnesota and the history of earthquakes in San Francisco. We will also be thinking about our core memories and things that make us special and individual. It promises to be a great half term of learning!



## P.E:



Red Deer	Monday: Swimming	Thursday: Football Coach
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Children will have PE on the days stated above. PE skills will be outside therefore children will need to have a warm tracksuit and appropriate outdoor PE shoes for these sessions as wherever possible we will try and get outdoors. It is important that children have their PE kit in school at all times just in case the unreliable British weather causes us to change days.

In UKS2, we are also involved with a variety of competitions and sporting events, so do encourage your children to get involved and look out for information throughout the year.

## Clubs:

We run a variety of clubs, normally on Thursdays, from 3.15-4.15, which run for half a term. To ensure commitment to that club, there is a £1.00 fee per session, payable at the beginning of each half term. Do encourage your children to sign up for the clubs, we offer a variety each half term, a great way to nurture and develop broad skills. Please see the sign-up sheets in the playground at the beginning of each half term for more information on the current clubs offered.

## Home Learning:

This year, we have decided to invest in home-learning books which all the children will receive at the beginning of term. Homework is mandatory in Red Deer and homework club on a Thursday is there to help support the

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children. Instructions on which parts to complete each week will be on the homework front cover sheet. We have invested heavily in these resources for the children to use – specifically because they have examples within them as a guide.

Each child will be provided with the books they need and we expect that they look after these books. Any lost or damaged books will need replacing and you will be billed for these replacements – so do keep them safe and neat.

Home learning:	Handed out:	Expected in:
Weekly spellings and Grammar/Punctuation Task	Wednesday	Monday
Comprehension or Writing Task	Wednesday	Monday
Mymaths online activity	Wednesday	Monday
Maths Homelearning activity + Times tables	Wednesday	Monday

### Reading:



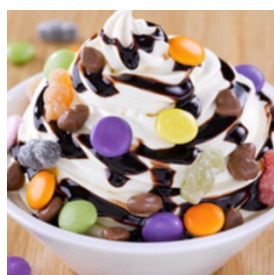
Children in Year 5 and 6 should read daily and this must be recorded in their reading diaries. Please sign your child's reading diary and take time to listen to them read. Reading diaries will be checked daily and children reading every night will earn a raffle ticket for a half termly prize draw. Within school the children will have opportunity each week to visit the library and also borrow books from the class bookshelves. Do encourage the children to

develop a love of reading – it is so important. We are launching the, 'Elveden Essential Reads,' this year and we hope the children engage with reading these fabulous selections.

There is a reading competition throughout the school and each week, and each child that reads 5 times is added into a weekly percentage. The class with the highest percentage moves 3 places, the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest moves 2 places and the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest moves 1. Unfortunately the class with the lowest percentage doesn't move. If a class gets 100% they move a whopping 5 places! The first class to reach the finish line gets a fabulous in-school treat such as: a movie and popcorn, a class party, an afternoon of sporting activities etc.

### Home learning Treat:

When children hand their home learning in on time they will receive a reward stamp leading towards an **end of term** treat. Each week's stamp will earn them a part of the treat. For example, this term we are earning 'ice-cream factory.'



If your child has difficulty completing their home learning but has had a go please note this on the bottom of the home learning or speak to the class teacher so they still have the opportunity to earn their stamp. We do not expect children to be spending longer than 2 hours a week on their home learning, but we would like to see all children having a go.

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## Year 6 parents:

Just a reminder that you must apply for high schools by the end of October and that Boosters will be on a Tuesday from 3:15-4:15pm and this is mandatory for year 6 children to give them the best chance of success. Boosters will start on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Do look out for letters and information on our Facebook pages. We have lots of exciting things already planned for the year!



If you have any further questions, please feel free to arrange a time with your child's class teacher.  
Many thanks,

Upper Key Stage Two Team;  
Miss Keeble and Mrs Thorndyke.

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