



# Class Elm Newsletter Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

Dear Parents,

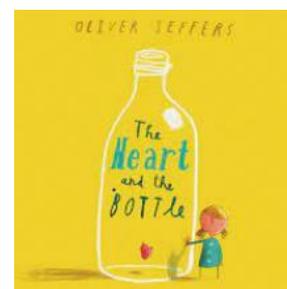
I really hope you have enjoyed some quality family time together and a little bit more freedom and normality over the Easter holidays. It was lovely to have Class Elm back in and settled again last month. As we move into the Summer term, we're looking forward to some action packed weeks ahead. Our new topic is all about looking after ourselves as we ask the question:

## Why do we need to look after ourselves?

We will be finding out what we need to do to look after our wellbeing, from eating healthily and exercising but also understanding how to be kind to ourselves, which has been especially important during the pandemic. The extra time at home over the colder months has also meant that for some screen time has increased, so we will cover some aspects of staying safe online and appropriate conduct with others whilst using communication devices.

### English

This half term our main text is 'The Heart and the Bottle' by the award-winning picture book star Oliver Jeffers and explores themes of love and loss in a life-affirming and uplifting tale. Whilst exploring the text in detail, we will be writing character descriptions and narrative retellings before creating our own stories where a dilemma occurs and there is an emotional response.



### Maths

This half term we continue to learn about fractions and move onto decimals. We'll also be spending some time revising previously taught methods for calculation and continue to focus on learning our times tables and associated division facts. It would be appreciated if children could practice their times tables at home, this can be done through fun games such as 'Hit the button' and those on 'timestables.co.uk'. Mathematics tasks will be set each week to help embed the learning in school, please let us know if your child has difficulties with the tasks so we can help address any problems.

### Science



Our science this half term links in very nicely with our topic and is called, 'Animals including Humans'. We'll start my thinking about our bones and how they make up our skeletons and why we need these skeletons. We will also be finding out about the muscles within our bodies and carrying out some simple practical enquiries and making careful observations. Moving on, the children will be identifying that our bodies need the right types and amounts of nutrition to keep us healthy and we get this from what we eat.

Whilst we work through the topic we'll be identifying similarities and differences of our species to some other animals.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact one of us,  
Mrs Pratt and Mrs Jones