

Welcome to Elder Class 2011/2012

It's great to have everyone back safe and sound and I'm looking forward to another exciting year teaching this class. As with last years the children will be taught by Mrs Wilson on a Thursday.

The routine is fairly similar to last year but there are a few changes.

Reading

We are sending home new reading record booklets this year. In these new books three types of reading can be recorded.

- The reading your child does on their own in class.
- Their guided reading, when they are heard/taught in the classroom.
- Any reading that your child does at home.

This will help you to keep a closer eye on your child's progress in reading. We want to encourage the children to read more at home so we are challenging them to read 4 times a week (including Saturdays and Sundays). If you could sign off when they have read, this will allow us to keep a record and then give the children a reward at the end of term.

Homework

This year spelling homework will be the same as it was last year. The children will be given a list of words to learn along with a worksheet to complete. However, we are changing the maths homework. We will no longer be doing the 55 Club and related sheets. Instead we will be sending home a maths homework sheet, related to the work they have done in their numeracy lessons. All this homework will come home on a **Friday** and needs to be returned by **Tuesday** of the following week.

There will also be topic homework from time to time but instructions about this will be given at the time.

PE

PE takes place twice a week. In the first and third terms one of those sessions will be swimming on a **Tuesday** morning. The other session is on a **Wednesday** afternoons and usually the children will need picking up from the village hall. If we need to change these arrangements we will of course let you know by text message.

Music

The children are learning clarinet this year; please make sure they bring these to school on a **Thursday**.

As ever, if you feel you need to talk to me regarding your child for whatever reason, please feel free to pop in and see me at the start or end of the day. If I am unable to chat then we can make a time later that day or the next.