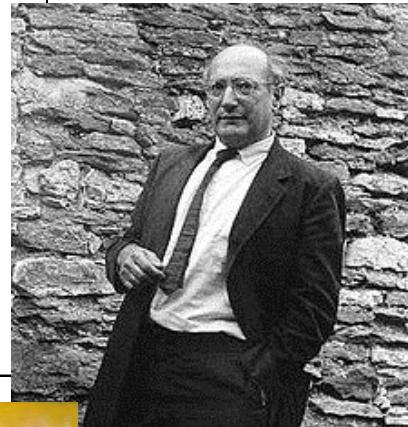


Walmer Castle Class Newsletter

January 2019

Welcome back and best wishes for a Happy New Year. This term our topic is 'Colour'. We will be learning about the abstract artist Paul Rothko and we will be writing a report about his life. Then we will learn the story 'Elmer'.

We have started the New Year off well. Thank you for sending the children in, dressed up as scientists. There has been a buzz of excitement around the school and the children can't stop talking about science.



Numeracy

This term, in mental maths we will be working on:

- Number recognition
- Doubles
- Quick recall of number facts, such as bonds to 10 and 20
- Counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- Mental addition and subtraction.
- Ordering numbers.

During Numeracy lessons we will be learning :

- About place value
- To count and order numbers
- To add and subtract
- To multiply
- To measure length, weight and capacity

We will be encouraging children to apply what they have learnt through daily problem solving tasks.



Reading at Home

It would be great if you could aim to hear your child read at least 3 times a week. We really value your comments about how your child reads at home so please could you write the date and a brief comment, in the reading record book, each time you read with your child. Every Wednesday evening we have a reading challenge, please fill in the bookmark.

COATS

As the weather gets colder and wetter please could you ensure your child has a coat in school EVERY day as we try to get out whatever the weather!



Literacy

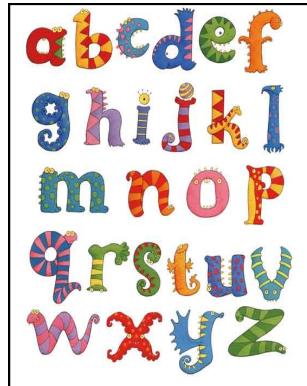
We will continue to teach the majority of our Literacy through the class projects. We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using these as starting points for our writing.

Over the next term in our writing we will be concentrating on:

- Reading and discussing stories
- Report writing
- Sequencing
- Story writing
- Writing recounts
- Labelling

In daily Sounds-Write sessions some children will be:

- Learning to segment and blend sounds in 3 sound words.
- Learning to read and spell multi-syllable words
- Some children will be working within the Extended Code. This is the part of Sounds Write which addresses the more complex spellings of different sounds.



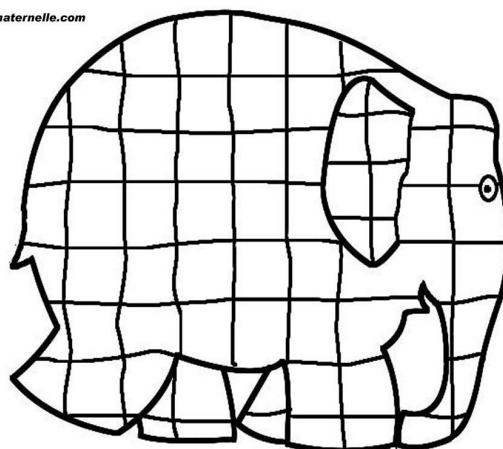
WATER BOTTLES

Please make sure your child has a *named* water bottle in school every day.

The children often have their bottles with them as they work so please could the bottle have a sports lid to avoid spillages!

Remember, water only, no squash or flavoured water please.

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PE Kits

As always PE kits need to be in school—a pair of dark jogging bottoms are good for the colder weather.

Wellies

Children are encouraged to keep a pair of named wellies in school. Speak to us for further information.

Walk on Wednesday

Please! Please! can you encourage your child to walk to school on Wednesday.

To qualify you need to walk from the pond or from Langdon Park

Diary dates:

- 15th February-End of Term 3
- 18th -22th February- Half Term
- 25th February- Term 4 begins
- 8th March-Staff development day
- 14th March-Walmer Castle Class Assembly -2.40 p.m.
- 4th April-End of term achievement assembly
- 5th April-Spring Service at St. Augustine's Church
- 5th April-End of term 4
- 23rd April-Term 4 begins