



# Meet the teacher

Elderberry Class - Mrs Cherry

# Class information

Class webpage includes the following information:

- ▶ Term 1 curriculum
- ▶ Homework expectations for each class
- ▶ End of year expectations
- ▶ Spelling appendix
- ▶ PE / Forest School Days

<https://www.hever.kent.sch.uk/class-pages/>

# Key Class Information

- ▶ Reading at home :

Phonics/ Reading scheme books - **Monday-Monday**

Some children will bring home individualised practise tasks e.g. flashcards.

Reading for pleasure books - **Friday-Friday**

- ▶ Homework :

Sent home on a **Friday, returned Wednesday**

**Spelling test Friday**

- ▶ P.E. Tuesdays and Wednesdays (Forest School Term 4)

- ▶ Nativity - dates to be confirmed



**One of the greatest gifts adults can  
give is to read to children**

Carl Sagan



# Reading in Year Two

- ▶ Children will continue to be taught reading in guided reading groups or one to one as appropriate.
- ▶ As they make progress they will move from the Little Wandle Texts to levelled books in the 'Big Cats' scheme.
- ▶ Reading lessons include word decoding strategies, prosody (intonation and expression) and comprehension.
- ▶ Guided reading books will come home on a Monday. As children have been practising the books they should be able to read the book with fluency and 'show off' their skills.
- ▶ Evidence shows that re-reading a text is essential for building fluency and comprehension. Please re-read the books that come home daily.
- ▶ Some children will bring home additional practise tasks e.g. phonics and word flashcards. Please give priority to daily practise of these tasks.
- ▶ On Friday children will bring home a reading for pleasure book. This is an opportunity to get cosy and share together the love of reading!

# Reading in Year Two

- ▶ We monitor reading at home because reading is so important. Please write in the reading record book to let us know how it is going.
- ▶ Children who read regularly make better progress in reading!
- ▶ Children who make good progress in reading perform better across the whole curriculum!

# Homework in Year Two

- ▶ On Friday children will bring home maths and spelling homework.
- ▶ Maths homework will revisit concepts from recent learning
- ▶ Spellings will also be set up on Spelling Shed to support practise in a fun way.
- ▶ Numbots will be launched later in the year.
- ▶ Please return homework books on Wednesdays.
- ▶ Spelling Tests will done on Friday.

# Assessment

- ▶ It is no longer a statutory requirement for children in year two to do SATs
- ▶ Children who did not reach the expected level in the Phonic Screening Check will retake in June 2026.

# School uniform

We believe that a simple uniform is helpful in establishing high standards of appearance in school. By wearing it children quickly feel proud to be part of our school community.

There is no expectation that any items have the Hever logo, however where items are not school branded items, please ensure that they are plain navy and unbranded. For example PE shorts or leggings.

For forest school children are to wear their PE kit (arms and legs to be covered). If it is not weather appropriate, for example it is too hot to wear their sweatshirt, they can wear a plain, navy long-sleeve top.

## Earrings

One pair of **plain gold** or **silver small stud earrings** are permitted. Earrings must be removed for PE or covered in medical tape. If a child cannot remove earrings themselves and take responsibility for these then these should be removed at home or covered in medical tape on PE days.

A school uniform list can be found on the website:

<https://www.hever.kent.sch.uk/school-uniform/>

# How you can support your child

- ▶ Attendance - Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances. Pupils with the highest attainment at the end of KS2 and KS4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lower attainment. *Working together to improve school attendance, Department for Education.*
- ▶ Punctuality - Children start their learning from the time that they arrive each morning. This can add up to an additional hours learning each week.
- ▶ As we are now required to monitor punctuality we will be asking parents to sign children in if they arrive after the gate closes. This will then provide a cumulative record of time missed. We understand that there are occasions when this is unavoidable but we are trying to reduce persistent lateness.

# Trips/Workshops

Trips/Workshops are planned carefully to enrich the children's learning.

KS1

- ▶ Panto in school at Christmas
- ▶ Sevenoaks Nature Reserve in Spring Term
- ▶ Free trip to Hever Castle in Summer Term

# Bits and Pieces

- ▶ We do not do show and tell but children are welcome to bring in things related to our learning or something from a place they have visited or something they have made to share with the class.
- ▶ Star of the week- the star will bring home a bag of books to share at home. Please share the books together and if possible write a brief review of their favourite book and bring back by the next Friday.
- ▶ School Council- if your child would like to become a school councillor, please can you support them to write a manifesto to read out next week. Voting will take place before the end of the week.

# Thank you for joining us

Any questions?

If you would like to speak to me/us, please contact the school office to arrange a telephone conversation or meeting.

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