



Jesus promised, "I came that you may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

*Every child at Fladbury will know they are loved by God, have a **happy heart** and be part of a flourishing, well-led school. When they leave Fladbury, they will be well-prepared to meet challenges, confident in their abilities and look forward to their **bright futures** with an **open mind**.*

**SUMMER TERM 2023-2024
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Elm Class Year 1/2**

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had a happy and relaxing Easter break, ready for another busy term. Let's hope we get some drier and sunnier weather now we are in April!

Our English work this half term will begin with a non-fiction focus, as we look at the features of information texts. The children will learn about contents and glossary pages, as well as captions, and writing for the purpose of explaining. We will be thinking carefully about extending our sentences using lots of different conjunctions to give reasons, explaining why and how things happen. The children have loved finding out facts and discovering things this year, so I know that they are going to really enjoy this unit.

In Maths, we will start the term focusing on fractions. We will learn how to recognise and find halves and quarters. Year 2 will then go on and look at unit and non-unit fractions whilst Year 1 consolidates their learning on place value to 50. We'll then be focusing on time up until half term. During this unit, we will start with o'clock, half past and quarter past then Year 2 will move on to telling the time to 5- minute intervals both past and to the hour.

In Science, we will be looking at different types of plants, and how they grow. We will be planting a range of seeds and bulbs and observing their growth, as well as learning about plant adaptations and the conditions they need in order to grow best.

Our Geography topic this half term is 'Our Country'. We will be looking at which countries make up the United Kingdom and its surrounding oceans and seas. We will be exploring the similarities and differences between urban and rural areas and will conduct a study of what it's like to live in London. We will then be comparing London and Brasilia and their climates.

PE will now happen on a Friday afternoon, with the children rotating between lessons on running, jumping, and bell-boating. We would be very grateful for any parent volunteers who would be happy to help us paddle the bell-boats – please look out for Dojo posts with the dates of this! The children will come home in their PE kits on a Friday, so that we can maximise our time on the field. Please could kits be returned in time for the following Friday.

A few handy reminders for the beginning of the new term:

We will continue to read with the children 1:1 throughout the week in addition to their daily phonics/ guided reading lessons. This can happen at any point in the week, so please ensure that your child has their reading books and reading record in school every day. When your child has read with a member of staff, they will use a pink pen to comment in their reading record.

Our days are busy, and children often misplace their belongings. It makes life easier for all of us if everything that comes into school is **named**, so that it can be reunited with its owner if it goes missing!

Dojo messages are the easiest and quickest way to communicate with us, although you can also of course speak to us in person at the door, or via telephone. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Mrs Haines, Mrs Pemberton, Mrs Mobley and Miss Pope
