



Building Foundations for
Fulfilling Futures

ELM Pathway



The Elm children have lots of exciting educational visits and events to look forward to in the Summer Term. We will also be preparing our Year 6 Elm pupils for the end of their Oaklands' journey and the start of Secondary school life. We are all very excited about our Twycross Zoo visit on April 23rd. Look out for photos afterwards on ClassDojo

Elm pathway staffing:

Pathway Lead – Ingrid Spencer

Rabbits – Jack, Dominique, Yvette, Sahida & Lucy

Hares – Raksha, Loretta, Anisa & Fathima

Deers – Reshma, Rachel, Maria, Nazmira, Danielle & Ivana

Robins – Jodie, Marcella, Maegan, Maryam & Harshila

Parent & family events in school this half term

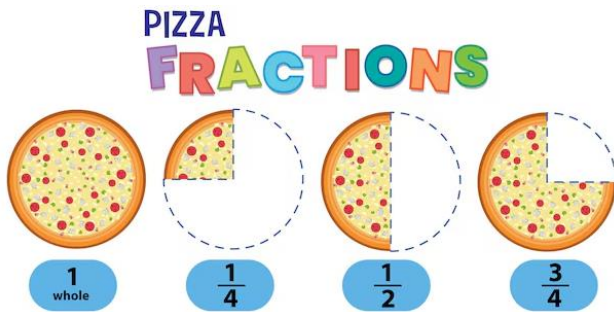
- Wednesday April 29th Parents' evening 3-5
- Wednesday 6th May Parent Workshop: Physical Development
- Saturday 9th May: Sibling Saturday
- Tuesday 19th May Parent Workshop: Paper Based Communication

This half term's learning focus- Maths in the real world

Numbers and mathematical concepts are all around us; even the date is part of Maths as the months are ordered and numbered, and we can measure the passing of time. There are lots of ways you may already be supporting your child to develop their numeracy and by focusing more explicitly on number in your daily life, you can help them make more progress. You don't need a lot of new equipment; cooking scales or measuring cups are great tools, and a sewer's measuring tape can be used in multiple ways. Travelling by car can be an opportunity to do tally charts recording how many red cars you saw on the way home compared to black cars for example. Hedgehogs are experts in tally chart making!

Recipes have ordered steps which you usually need to follow in order- another maths concept, and cookery is full of maths, such as weights & measures. Involve your child in making shopping lists for specific recipes so they are using & writing numbers often & get them involved in cooking with measuring and following a recipe. Mealtimes are a chance to talk about fractions and ratios:

how many peas do they eat compared to nuggets?



Use your measuring tape to record family heights and compare them. Children love to see how they are growing: if you are happy to mark off their height on a door frame, you can then add some more maths by measuring accurately how tall they are from the ground to their current height mark. Maths is everywhere & it is easy to make it fun & relevant for your child- **we would love to hear how you support Maths learning at home.**

Home Supported Learning Here are some Maths activities you could do at home:

- Tons of ideas for exploring maths at home in the **FAMILY MATHS TOOLKIT** from the National Numeracy charity- <https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/helping-children-maths/family-maths-toolkit>
- Topmarks interactive maths games - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>
- Maths zone interactive maths games - <https://mathszone.co.uk>



Important Notice- hot weather on the way



Please make sure your child has suitable clothes including a hat for the good weather we hope is on the way. Oaklands site lacks good shade and we want children to be active and outdoors every day, so please send in a hat, sunglasses if your child will wear them and sunscreen. Please remember that all personal items should have your child's name on each item.

Questions: If you have any questions regarding Elm classes, either contact the class teacher via ClassDojo or email the Pathway Leader, Ingrid Spencer ispencer@oaklands.leicester.sch.uk