



Elder Class - Year 5

Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 5!

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer break - it is wonderful to see you all again. I'm so excited to be teaching your children this year and am looking forward to getting to know you more over the coming weeks. If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to send me a message on Dojo. I am also available most days after school if you would like a brief chat. Thank you- Miss Cooper

Topic

This half term we will be completing a study of Ancient Greek life and achievements. This will involve learning about the influence on the western world and will allow us to compare ancient life with our own. We will learn about myths and legends such as the Trojan Horse and will explore their beliefs. We will also discuss what they have taught us and the legacies they left behind.



Class Dojo

Dojo will be my primary method of communication with you this year. Please ensure you check this regularly for any messages, reminders or information. If you have any queries or questions please send me a message on here and I will get back to you as soon as possible. If you are having any difficulties accessing Dojo please contact the office.



Class Names

This year, the classes have been named after trees. Our class will be named Elder Class.



Water/Snacks



Children need filled water bottles in school daily (please ensure this is water, not juice). Also, they are encouraged to bring a healthy snack for morning break (such as fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese or a cereal bar) - this should help boost concentration until lunch.

Outdoor learning/PE

In Year 5 we will be doing outdoor learning on a Tuesday afternoon (whatever the weather) so please ensure your child comes in warm clothes and a waterproof coat. It would also be really helpful to bring a bag containing a spare pair of shoes so we can change for these sessions - the nature area can be muddy!



We will be having 2 sessions of PE per week - one swimming and one in school. Swimming will take place on a Monday morning (starting from the 26th of September). Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their swimming kit under their uniform. Long hair will need to be tied up please or a swimming cap can be worn. Our second session of PE will take place on a Wednesday. Pupils can come to school in their outdoor kit on this day.



RE

Our key themes in school this year are Love, Growth and Community. We will be discussing what these mean, how we show these values and the importance of each, linking them to bible teachings. In RE lessons, our big question is 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?' Here we will be looking at Christian ideas of God using theological terms and will consider how Christians put their beliefs into practice.



Key Dates

Every Friday 2:30 - KS2 Celebration assembly!
W.b. 12th Sept - Clubs begin (see letter on website)
Thursday 15th Sept - Harvest Festival for pupils
Friday 16th Sept - Sports Festival
Monday 26th Sept - Swimming starts

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on place value and addition/subtraction. This will involve looking at numbers to 10,000, comparing and ordering values, rounding to the nearest 10,100 & 1000 and learning about Roman Numerals to 1000. During our addition/subtraction unit we will recap the formal written methods of calculation. We will also have daily arithmetic lessons to reinforce our times table knowledge, skills and improve calculation techniques. In class, pupils will revise the time regularly through daily challenges and will complete a statistics activity each morning to consolidate their understanding of bar charts and reading calendars/timetables.

Reading

In Year 5 we will take part in 3 guided reading sessions each week. We will also have the opportunity to read independently and visit the school library. Levelled reading books will be sent soon to read at home!

Writing

In English lessons we will continue our whole school text-based approach to teaching and learning. All of our writing lessons will be based around a central text and will involve a variety of reading, GPS and writing activities. We will build our stamina for writing over the half term using the chapters to write in a variety of genres, with a particular focus on adventure narratives. We will then complete a 'hot write' at the end of the half term to demonstrate the skills we have acquired over the unit. We will also have time dedicated to key GPS skills every day.

Homework

A list of topic-based homework choices will be sent separately/on Dojo. Pupils can choose which pieces they would like to complete and send in through Dojo or return to class by Wednesday. This list is not exhaustive and should just be used as a guide. Please be as creative as you would like! There will also be 1 or 2 Mathletics tasks to try each week to consolidate the learning we have done in class. A spelling pattern/rule will also be sent home for pupils to practice - this will not be a list of words to learn. Instead, it will be an opportunity for pupils to discover their own vocabulary containing the focus spelling. Each child will be given a reading and record book over the next few weeks—more information about this to follow. Thank you!

Year 5 at a glance - Autumn 1!

In addition to the core subjects in a morning, here is an insight into the lessons we will be doing each afternoon and information about anything extra you may need each day.

Monday	PSHE and Swimming - Please come to school in your swimming kit under your uniform and bring a towel.
Tuesday	Topic, Music and Outdoor learning - Please bring a bag containing a change of footwear (wellies/walking boots) and extra clothing to suit the weather.
Wednesday	PE - Come to school in your PE kit and bring a waterproof coat. Homework due in - please ensure it is on Dojo by today. Library session today - bring your book to renew or exchange.
Thursday	RE and Spanish.- nothing extra required today.
Friday	Topic - nothing extra required today.
Please bring your reading book to school with your reading record every day.	