



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— Mr Carberry.

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 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 continued to be named after trees. Our class is going to be 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 Wednesday afternoon 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 9th of September. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their swimming kit (swim shorts or costumes) under their school 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. PE kit is either plain black shorts/skorts/joggers or leggings, a plain white t-shirt and a plain jumper/jacket or school hoodie. Trainers can also be worn on this day. Please ensure there are no logos on this kit. Thank you!



RE

Our key themes in school are Community, Love and Growth. This term we are focusing on Community. We will be discussing what they are and how we can be part of a community, linking our ideas 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

Friday 6th Sep—Class Newsletter
Monday 9th Sep—Swimming starts
Friday 13th Sep—Celebration assembly
Mon 16th—Parent's Prayer group
Mon 30th Sep— Parent's evening 1
Tues 1st Oct— Parent's evening 2

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 regular statistics activities to consolidate their understanding of bar charts and reading calendars/timetables.

Reading

In Year 5, we will have 3 guided reading sessions each week. We will also have the opportunity to read independently and visit the school library. Our library day this half term will be Wednesday. Please ensure pupils bring their book every week, even if they are keeping it so it can be renewed.

All pupils will receive a levelled reading book this half term. **Please ensure you read this with your child regularly, making notes in their record book.** They will not be able to change their levelled reading book until we can see a comment from an adult, showing they have read this at home. The expectation in Year 5 is that these are changed regularly. These will be given over the next few weeks—more information about this to follow. Thank you!

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 (not yet revealed) 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 myths and legends. We will 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

Please read with your child regularly, recording this in their record book. 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. 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 and consolidate the learning we have done in class. By Year 5, pupils should know all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12, so please spend some time practicing these and developing speed and confidence.

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