



Elder Class - Year 5

Spring 1

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for a new year of fun and learning! As always, 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

In history this half term, we will be focusing on the Tudors. This will involve learning about the War of the Roses, King Henry VIII, Tudor life and how Britain has changed since these times. We will also complete Tudor-based activities during our outdoor learning sessions.

In art, we will learn about Vincent Van Gough, using the colour wheel and oil paint to create our own masterpieces.

In science, our topic is animals and living things. We will be finding out about the varying stages of life and differences in gestation periods.

Class Dojo



Dojo will be my primary method of communication with you again this half term. Please ensure you check this regularly for any messages, reminders, information and homework. Messages about celebration assembly will be sent on here so please check regularly. 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.



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. Thank you!



PE/Outdoor learning

We will be having 2 sessions of PE per week again this half term. Swimming will continue to take place on a Monday morning. Please ensure your child's bag is large enough to hold their clothes and towel and that all of this is labelled.

Our second session of PE will be on a Wednesday. Pupils can come to school in their PE kits on a Wednesday - please also ensure they have a waterproof coat as we will be outside.



This half term we will be doing outdoor learning on a Wednesday so please ensure your child comes in warm clothes and a waterproof coat. It would be really helpful to bring a bag containing spare pair of shoes (e.g. wellies/boots) as the nature area can get really muddy!

RE

Our theme in school this term is Love. We will be learning about this in lessons and during collective worship. We will consider what love means, who we may love and what love looks like, linking these ideas to bible teachings.

In RE lessons our big question is '*What would Jesus do?*' Here, we will be learning about features of Gospel texts and will look how Christians apply these in their community and individual lives.

Key Dates

- 05 January—School Pantomime.
- 12 January—Diversity Week
- 13th January—Trip to Magna.
- 27th January—Y5 Fire Safety training
- 2nd/3rd February—Parents' evening
- 9th February—Last swimming lesson

Maths

This half term we will be starting with Number and Place value, reaching numbers to 1,000,000. We will check our understanding of each digit and round to the nearest 10,100 and 1000. Then, we will practice the 4 written methods, multiplying and dividing using 2 digit numbers. We will have regular arithmetic lessons to reinforce our times table knowledge, mathematical skills and improve our calculation techniques.

Writing

In English lessons we will continue our text-based approach to teaching and learning. All of our writing lessons will be based around a central text (which is yet to be revealed) and will involve a variety of reading, GPS and writing activities. We will complete a 'hot write' at the end of the half term to demonstrate the skills we have acquired over the unit. This half term, our writing genre is newspaper reports. We will also have time dedicated to key GPS skills every day.

Homework

A list of topic-based homework choices has been sent separately/on Dojo. Pupils can choose which pieces they would like to complete and send in through Dojo by Wednesday. Dojo points will be awarded for this. This list is not exhaustive and should just be used as a guide. Please be as creative as you would like!

It is really important to practice times tables regularly. Pupils should know all facts up to 12x by Year 5.

Please ensure you read with your child regularly, making notes in their partnership 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 weekly. An adult in class will read with them and check their partnership book each week.

Reading

This half term we will continue having 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 is Wednesday. Please ensure pupils bring their book every week, even if they are keeping it so it can be renewed.

Remember to read aloud regularly at home, writing a comment in the partnership book each time. I look forward to reading these comments as we change our books each week. Please send these to school every day so we can read together, change books regularly and the teachers can see what pupils have been reading at home.

Year 5 at a glance - Spring 1

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

Monday	Swimming, Spanish, PSHE and ART. Swimming kits and reading books needed today.
Tuesday	Music, History
Wednesday	Computing and PE - Come to school in your outdoor PE kit and bring a waterproof coat . Library session - bring your library book to renew or exchange.
Thursday	Science
Friday	RE

Please bring your reading book and partnership book to school with you every day.