



# Elder Class - Year 5

## Spring 2

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and are ready for another half term of learning and fun! 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 geography lessons this half term, we will identify similarities and differences between the countries of the British Empire in the Victorian times and now. We will consider the countries of the Commonwealth and think about how trading has changed. In science, our topic is Forces. Here, we will learn the difference forces acting upon us everyday and will consider how gravity is different on the Earth and in space.



In DT, we will be baking savoury muffins, designing the recipes ourselves and considering healthy alternatives for a variety of ingredients.



### 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. PE will continue to take place on a Monday and Wednesday. On Monday, I will be teaching the pupils basketball and netball skills and on Wednesday they will be practicing their dodgeball with Mrs Smith, completing personal challenges. Pupils can come to school in their PE kits on a on these days - 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 did Jesus do to save human beings?*' Here, we will be learning about Jesus' sacrifice, crucifixion and resurrection and will focus on events during Holy Week.



### Key Dates

Saturday 28th February—Swimming Gala  
Monday 2nd March—Assessment Week  
Friday 6th March—World Book Day  
Friday 20th March—Bronte Parsonage trip.

### Maths

This half term we will be focusing on Fractions, recognising and converting between mixed number and improper. We will also learn how to multiply fractions by whole numbers. Additionally, we will revise how to find the area and perimeter of shapes and focus on obtuse angles. 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 (Jane Eyre) 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 diary entries. We will also have time dedicated to key GPS skills every day.

### 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.**

### 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.**

## Year 5 at a glance - Spring 2

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	PE, PSHE, DT - Come to school in your <b>outdoor PE kit</b> and bring a <b>waterproof coat</b> .
Tuesday	Spanish and Geography
Wednesday	Computing, PE, outdoor learning and computing - Come to school in your <b>outdoor PE kit</b> and bring a <b>waterproof coat</b> . Library session - bring your <b>library book</b> to renew or exchange.
Thursday	Science, reflection time
Friday	Art, RE, celebration assembly

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