



Elder Class - Year 5

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Hello again! I hope you had a fantastic time over the holiday period. I am looking forward to another half term full 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

This half term we will be learning about the continent of Africa. We will learn about some of the countries in Africa and will use atlases to further our understanding.

. This will involve writing to the pupils and asking them about their school. This topic will also enable us to learn about the life cycle and habitats of animals whilst we look at a variety of safari areas in Africa!



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 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.

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.

PE/Outdoor learning

PE sessions this half term will continue to be on a Monday and a Wednesday. On Monday, I will be teaching netball/basketball skills and on Wednesday they will be focusing on tennis. Pupils can come to school in their PE kits on these days - please also ensure they bring a waterproof coat/hat/suncream depending on the weather.



RE

Our theme in school this term is Growth. We will be learning about this in lessons and during collective worship. We will consider the different ways in which we can grow, both physically and mentally and will also look at what the bible teaches about this important value.

In RE lessons, our big question is 'What does it mean for Muslims to follow God?' Here, we will be looking at Islamic beliefs in more detail.

Key Dates

19.06.26 Sports Day KS2 9:15-11am

22.06.26 Assessment week

26.06.26 Class photos

07.07.26 Rock Steady concert

Maths

This half term we will complete our work on fractions, decimals and percentages, revise our learning of shapes including 3D shapes and their nets and will then be consolidating our knowledge from throughout the year. 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 (Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo) 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, we will focus on writing non-chronological reports. 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. House 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 - Summer 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	PE, DT and PSHE - Come to school in your outdoor PE kit and bring a waterproof coat .
Tuesday	Music, Geography.
Wednesday	Computing, PE, outdoor learning - 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, Spanish

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