



Elder Class - Year 5

Autumn 1

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I hope you have all had a restful summer and are now ready for the new school year! 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 Ancient Greeks.

We will touch on the gods and their origin stories. How the greeks helped to develop language, maths, philosophy and many other subjects. We will also investigate the origins of the Olympics, The Trojan War and the development of their civilization.

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. If you are having any difficulties accessing Dojo please contact the office.

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 take place on a Wednesday afternoon.** Please ensure your child comes to school with their swimming kit (swim shorts or costumes), a towel and a snack for afterwards.

Our first session of **PE will be on a Monday.** Pupils can come to school in their PE kits on this day - please also ensure they have a waterproof coat as we may 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, especially at this time of year.

RE

Our theme in school this term is Community. We will be discussing what this means, who is in our community and how we can help these people, linking these ideas to bible teachings.

In RE lessons our big question is 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?' and we will learn about forgiveness and sin. We will also touch upon reconciliation and how and why confession is important.

Key Dates

Monday 7th - Assessment week
Wednesday 9th – Swimming starts

Monday 28th -Parents' evening
Tuesday 29th -Parents' evening

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction and Roman numerals. . This will involve recapping

the formal written methods, using place value charts and reading numerals. We will also have regular arithmetic lessons to reinforce our times table knowledge, mathematical skills and improve our

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 (Skellig) 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 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.

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 you bring your book every week, even if you are keeping it so it can be renewed.

Remember to read regularly to an adult at home, getting them to write a comment in your partnership book each time. I look forward to reading these comments as you change your book.

Please also bring these to school every day so we can change these regularly and the teachers can see what you have been reading at home.

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. This list is not exhaustive and should just be used as a guide. Please be as creative as you would like!

Please ensure you read with your child as regularly as possible, 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.

This homework will prepare pupils for the increase in homework in Year 6 and secondary school.

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, music, DT, art - Come to school in your PE Kit
Tuesday	Geography/History, Spanish - nothing extra required today.
Wednesday	Computing , Swimming and Outdoor learning – Please bring swimming costumes and a towel. We will also visit the library and try to change completed reading books.
Thursday	Science
Friday	RE.

Please bring your reading book and your reading record to school every day.

