



# ELM CLASS NEWS

## TERM 1



Welcome back! We have been delighted to see your children back in school, full of news from their summer adventures and ready to embrace the new learning and challenges in the year ahead. Year 5 is such an exciting stage—building independence, growing in confidence, and taking on new responsibilities. We are all getting settled into our new classroom and have already made a start on many of our topics, which you can read about in this newsletter. Here's to a Fantastic Year Five!

## THE YEAR 5 TEAM

### **Class Teachers:**

Mrs Leggott  
(Thursday, Friday)

Miss Stevens  
(Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday)

### **Class Support:**

Mrs Dullam and Miss Skilling

## CONTACT US:



Our class email address is as follows:

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Please use this to get in touch. We will aim to check the inbox at least once a day. If your message is urgent, please contact the school office.



# Imporant Information



## PE DAYS



PE Days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school every day.

PE kits should include A plain white t-shirt, dark shorts or leggings, and trainers.

Also, tracksuit trousers and jumper for colder weather. Long hair should be tied back and ALL jewellery removed for PE lessons.

## PENCIL CASES

We will always supply any equipment that your child needs in school. However, your child is welcome to bring in their own pencil case and stationery if they wish.

Any pencil case needs to be able to fit inside your child's tray. Unfortunately, things do occasionally go missing or get broken at school so we cannot be responsible for lost/damaged items.



## DRINKS AND SNACKS

As previously, please ensure that your child has a named bottle full of fresh water every day. We also recommend a healthy snack, such as fruit, for break time.

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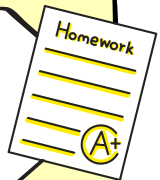
ADVENTURE

## TRIPS

This term we will be getting the train to London for a fun filled day out to visit the

London Eye and travel on the River Thames by boat! Keep an eye out for a parent mail with further details coming soon!

## HOMEWORK

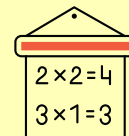


We are very grateful for the support you give at home. Homework will be given out every week on a **Friday** and should be returned for marking by **Wednesday**.

Weekly tasks will consist of:

- a maths activity
- a SPAG activity
- a spelling list

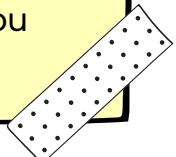
The children will be tested on their spelling list and times tables on **Fridays**.



Please also encourage your child to:

- Read at home every day, and to an adult several times a week.
- Use Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) or another method to practise their Times Tables
- Read through their Knowledge Organisers for History, Geography, RE and Science. This helps prepare them by learning key vocabulary, and consolidate what has been covered in class.

You will see a sheet inside the front cover of your child's Homework folder where we will keep track of completed homework. Your child will also write down their weekly test scores. Please can an adult at home sign in the final column each week to show that you have seen the Homework record.





# LEARNING



## English:

This term we will begin by watching 'The Wish Granter' to inspire our writing. We will also be focusing on sentence construction. We will then move on to our first foray into Shakespeare! Macbeth will be the focus of our English lessons for the rest of term 1. Through a mixed approach of drama, modern interpretations and Shakespeare's original text, we will explore this famous tale of plotting and scheming, developing our writing skills in character/setting descriptions and play scripts along the way.

All of KS2 are joining up every Friday to read The Magic Faraway Tree together. Children are welcome to bring in their own copy if it is a book you have at home. We hope to arrange a trip to the cinema next year when the film version is released.

## Spelling:

We will continue using 'Spelling Shed'. Please login and use the app to practise spellings at home. We will send home a list of spellings to work on each Friday. The spelling test will take place on a Friday.

## Maths:

This term's foci in maths will be:

- place value to a million: Roman numerals, comparing numbers, ordering, rounding numbers to different degrees
- addition and subtraction: written and mental methods, using the inverse, evaluating effectiveness of different methods, finding missing numbers, multi-step problems

## Science:

Our science topic this term is the Earth and Space.

Within this topic we will be:

- Learning the names and order of the planets in our Solar System
- Understanding the movement of Earth and how this causes night and day, and the seasons.
  - Understand the phases of the moon
  - Find out about solar and lunar eclipses

## P.E.:

Our PE topics this term are gymnastics and multi-skills.

## History:

This term we will be learning about the Tudor dynasty, including:

- Learning about how the Tudors came to power, including the Battle of Bosworth,
- Finding out about Henry VIII's wives and his break with the Catholic Church
- Finding out about the Elizabethan Golden Age and the reign of Elizabeth I

## Geography:

Geography will be taught again in term 2.

## French:

Our French lessons this term will focus on food vocabulary, as well as regular revising of previous topics and conversational French. - We are also writing to French penpals - the children have prepared their first letters which will be sent off to Ecole Sainte Therese in Dunkirk.

## Art:

We will study the work of Ted Harrison and develop our watercolour skills.

## Computing

We will learn about online safety and the SMART rules for how to stay safe online. We will also be learning about external devices. We will also take part in the hour of code as part of Computer Science Education Week.

## PSHE

We will be using the Jigsaw scheme work focusing on 'My Year Ahead'. We will be thinking about how to:

- Help others to feel welcome
- Think about everyone's right to learn
- Care about other people's feelings
  - Work well with others

## Religious Education:

Our key question is 'Why do some people believe that God exists?'

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesday 10th September	Year 6 Mental Health workshop
Thursday 11th September	Kent Test
Friday 19th September	Non-uniform day for Cancer Research
Tuesday 7th October 9am and 2.30pm	Year R phonics workshop to parents
Wednesday 8th October	SEND coffee afternoon
Thursday 9th October	Wear something yellow for Young Minds
Thursday 9th October	Flu jabs
Friday 10th October	Harvest festival
Tuesday 14th October	School photos
Tuesday 14th October 3.30-6pm	Parent consultations
Thursday 16th October 3.30-6.30pm	Parent consultations
Thursday 16th October	Re-start a heart (bring a teddy)
Monday 20th – Friday 24th October	Half term
Monday 27th October	INSET Day