



ELM CLASS NEWS

TERM 2



We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break. It has been lovely hearing about the children's adventures, and we are very proud of the hard work and enthusiasm they showed throughout Term 1. The children produced excellent Macbeth-inspired play scripts and showed great interest in our Tudors topic – particularly the gory bits!

Following our studies on space, we encourage you to continue stargazing with your child at home—this is a great time to observe the phases of the moon and spot planets such as Venus and Jupiter as the evenings grow darker.

This term, we are looking forward to an exciting trip to London and exploring our new topics, which are outlined in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,
The Year 5 Team 😊

THE YEAR 5 TEAM

Class Teachers:

Mrs Leggott
(Thursday, Friday)

Miss Stevens
(Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday)

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Mrs Dullam and Miss Skilling

CONTACT US:

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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



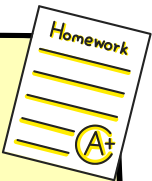
PE Days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school every day.

PE kits should include:

- A plain t-shirt
- Tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Trainers.

Long hair should be tied back and ALL jewellery removed for PE lessons.

HOMework



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

If your child does not understand how to complete the homework activity, please remind them to ask one of us before the day it is due in.

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.

CLASS REWARDS



The children have been motivated by our reward system of Class Dojos. Last term, many children already received a prize and certificate for achieving 100 dojos!

We hope to be giving out many more rewards for this next term 😊

DRINKS AND SNACKS



Colder weather always seems to make us hungrier! Please remember that children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack to enjoy at morning break, which can help keep them focused through the morning lessons.

READING



Regular reading at home makes a huge difference to progress and confidence.

After reading, try a quick discussion or activity to check understanding, such as:

- Asking your child to summarise what happened in a few sentences.
- Talking about a character's feelings or choices.
- Predicting what might happen next.
- Finding a new or interesting word and discussing its meaning.

Thank you for your continued support in helping to develop your child's love of reading!

TRIPS



This term we will be...

- Heading to London to travel on the London Eye and River Boat Cruise!
- Visiting All Souls and Cheriton Baptist Churches

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE



LEARNING



English:

This week we have started reading the book 'The Boy At The Back Of The Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf. The story is about a child refugee from Syria who joins a class in London and is told from the viewpoint of one of the classmates who is determined to make friends with them. During our English lessons, we will explore the different viewpoints around the subject of refugees, including making links to current events and how these are reported in the media. Our writing tasks will include the genres of a formal persuasive letter and newspaper reports.

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:

- multiplication and division:** finding factors and multiples, cubed and squared numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10/100/100
- fractions:** converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions, finding equivalent fractions, comparing and ordering fractions, adding and subtracting fractions

Science:

Our science topic this term is Materials.

Within this topic we will be:

- Investigating properties of materials and grouping them accordingly
- Using a range of equipment to separate different mixtures
- Using a range of methods, including sieving, filtration, evaporation and decanting
- Understanding the difference between a mixture and a solution

P.E.:

Our PE topics this term are dance and fitness. We will explore a variety of dances from 'Dance by chance' to 'Rock and Roll!'

History:

History will be taught again in Term 3

Geography:

Our topic is All Around The World. We will be learning to locate the Northern and Southern hemispheres and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. We will be using atlases, the 8 points of the compass and longitude and latitude to locate continents, countries and capital cities.

French:

Our French lessons this term will focus on using the verb 'jouer' (to play) to talk about sports and music. We will also practise saying our likes and dislikes, and continue to consolidate our knowledge of conversational language.

DT:

DT will be taught again in term 3.

Computing

We continue to learn about online safety by using Digital Passport™ by Common Sense Education. We will take part in the hour of code as part of Computer Science Education Week.

PSHE

We will be using the Jigsaw scheme of work focusing on 'Celebrating Difference'. We will be learning about: Celebrating different cultures, racism, rumours and name-calling, types of bullying, and answering the question: 'does money matter?'

Religious Education:

Our key question is: If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship? We will be learning about what places of worship are for, how Christians shape their places of worship, why it is important for Christians to be part of a community, and finding out whether Christians need a building to worship in or whether they can worship anywhere.

Music:

For Music this term we will be busy preparing for Christmas Carols around the tree - we hope to see you there 😊

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Monday 27 th October 2025	INSET day.
Thursday 30 th October 2025	Halloween disco
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 5 trip to London
Monday 10 th November 2025	Odd socks day
Friday, 14 th November 2025	Children in need non-uniform day
Monday 17 th November	Year 5 Trip to All Souls Church
Friday 12 th December 2025	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 16 th December 2025	KS1 nativity
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Choir singing at Laurel Court
Thursday 18 th December 2025	Christmas parties
Friday 19 th December 2025	KS2 Carols around the tree
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last day of term