

Friday 6th September

Welcome to Year 5




Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer. We would like to welcome you and your child back to Elmwood's school community. We have had a brilliant first few days in Year 5, and are very much looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned throughout the year.

This letter provides some key information about your child's first term in Year 5. As always, we know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education, and we are always grateful for all your support at home.

Homework:

This year, all homework will be set on a Friday and children have until the following Friday to complete it. They will be assigned a task using our new platform 'My Maths' and given their new spellings to practise. They are expected to read their book every day and have their homework diary signed by you.

Daily	Friday	Friday
<p>Reading for 15 minutes. If your child finishes their colour band book, they can also read the book borrowed from the school library, an e-book on SORA or any book that they have at home.</p> 	<p>Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday</p>  <p>Please spend a few minutes each day going over them with your child.</p>	<p>My Maths tasks will be set on a Friday for completion by the following Friday morning.</p> 

P.E Days:

<u>5JST</u>	<u>5A</u>	<u>5D</u>	<u>5S</u>
Monday Friday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday Thursday	Thursday Friday

Reminders:

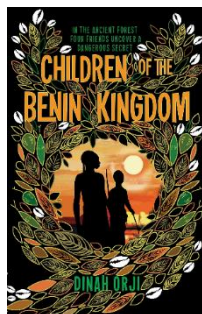
- Please make sure your child brings their school diary in every day. We ask the children to record their reading, spellings and weekly reflections in their diaries. **Diaries should be signed weekly by a parent / carer at home. If a signature is missing, children will be asked to read during playtime on Friday.**
- Please ensure that all school uniform, P.E kits, packed lunches and water bottles are labelled.
- Please ensure your child's school uniform is compliant with Elmwood's School Uniform Policy (black school shoes or full black trainers, a dark blue jumper and no jewellery).
- Children are to bring in a water bottle.
- If you child brings a pack lunch, please ensure that it is healthy.
- Children should not bring any treats in on their birthdays please.

Year 5 Curriculum

English:

We will be reading the book *The Children of the Benin Kingdom* by Dinah Orji in our English and Whole Class Reading lessons this half term. This will link with our History lessons where we are learning all about the ancient Nigeran Kingdom of Benin. Once we have finished reading the book, we will be writing a powerful letter to the British Museum where many of the artefacts from the Benin Kingdom are on display, and ask them to be sent back to their home in Nigeria.

The Children of the Benin Kingdom by Dinah Orji

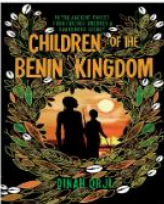












Maths:

In Maths, we will be starting the year by looking at understanding the place value of numbers. This is a key skill for children to master before they progress. We will then move on to looking at the functions addition and subtraction.

Theme:

Our theme this half term is **Crossing Borders** and we will be exploring this concept throughout the curriculum. For our entry point, the children are creating presentations all about themselves, their nationality and their family history. We're sure they have already asked you for some photos and stories.

<p>English and Reading The Children of the Kingdom of Benin By Dinah Orji</p>		<p>Maths Fractions, Multiplication and Division</p> 
<p>History The Kingdom of Benin</p> 	<p>Science Living Things and Their Habitats</p> 	<p>Geography Nigeria</p> 
<p>Computing Video Editing</p> 	<p>PSHE Dreams and Goals</p> 	<p>R.E Christianity</p> 
<p>Art African Masks</p> 	<p>D.T Healthy Eating - Cooking</p> 	<p>Half Term Theme CROSSING BORDERS</p> 

Spanish, Music and P.E will be taught by specialist teachers.

If you or your child has any questions, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher.

Best wishes

The Year 5 Team

Miss Sleight, Miss Jimenez, Miss Dawson, Miss Barnett and Miss Alves De Freitas