

Elmhurst School



5M, 5B & 5S



Autumn Term 2018

Meet the Teacher

Tuesday, 11th September at 3:00pm
in 5M, 5B & 5S

All About Year 5

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the new academic year at Elmhurst School. We hope you had a lovely summer break and are as excited about the new school year as we are.

Mrs McSweeney will be teaching 5M.

Miss Beaton will be teaching 5B.

Miss Sagoo will be teaching 5S.

Mrs Hanwell will also be teaching across Year 5.

The children in Year 5 are supported by Mrs Harwood, Mrs Begum and Mrs Mohammad.

Mrs Thomas is the Phase Leader for Year 4, 5 & 6.

Home Reading

Your child is expected to read at home at least 7 times each week. Please listen to your child read and sign their Home/School Planner to say that they have read at home daily.

Home Learning

Your child's home learning book contains their new homework choices for this term. They need to choose a task to complete in the learning log each week and return it to school **by Monday**. Children will be given their home learning book back each week **on a Wednesday**.

There are a range of tasks in your child's home learning log. All the activities in the book are planned so the children can be creative and have fun while learning. It would be great if your child can complete them independently but feel free to support them in any way you can.

Additional Maths homework books can be purchased via ParentPay.

Learning for Life

Learning for Life lessons will teach pupils important life skills through three areas of study: Health & Wellbeing, Relationships and Living in the Wider World. These lessons will include a lot of discussion and collaborative working with all pupils in the class.

Parent Partnership

If you need a word with the class teacher, please make an appointment via the school office or alternatively write in the parents section of your child's planner to request an appointment.

Parents' Evenings will take place during the autumn term and these will be an opportunity for you to meet the class teacher and to look at your child's learning in their books. Please check the online calendar for the dates.

Humanities

In Geography will be looking at how our country is changing. We will find out about the different regions of the United Kingdom, discovering how some of these areas have changed over time.

The children will investigate the local area, observing changes, taking photographs, drawing field sketches and interviewing local people.

In History, Year 5 will explore the world of the Anglo-Saxons and why they came to Britain. They will learn how Britain has influenced and been influenced by the wider world. The children will learn about what the Anglo-Saxons believed in and understand where they came from.

In RE, we will be exploring the reasons for pilgrimages within different religions.

Music, Art & DT

In Music, we will be learning 'Living on a Prayer' by Bon Jovi.

In Art we will be learning about Andy Warhol and L.S Lowry.

In Design and Technology we will be making hand puppets!

Physical Education

We will be focusing on developing our agility, balance and coordination through a range of competitive games. Although children have PE twice a week they should have their PE kit in school **EVERY** day. A PE kit should include a plain white t-shirt; plain black shorts or track suit trousers; trainers; a track suit or hooded jacket (for colder weather) and all jewellery must be removed and hair must be tied up.

Reading

The children will continue to have daily Book Talk sessions where we focus on their understanding and interpretation of the text. They will also have the opportunity to read in a variety of other ways such as shared reading, comprehension sessions and individual 1:1 reading.

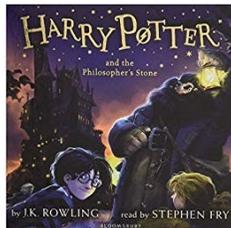
Our focus is on reading for pleasure and we will be supporting the children to choose books that they really enjoy reading. They will read a wide range of texts throughout the year and will be encouraged to bring their favourite books in to school to share in Book Talk lessons.

Writing

In Writing we are going to continue to extend our writing skills through the Talk for Writing approach and will be focusing on both fiction and non-fiction texts. Our writing this term will be based on 'Harry Potter'.

Our **non-fiction writing** will focus on **autobiography** and then learning how to write **biographies** by studying the biographies of some famous authors and important historical figures.

We will also write instructions and continue working on our descriptive writing skills.



Spelling

In Year 5, children will continue to have lessons which focus specifically on **SPAG: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**.

In these sessions they will learn more about how different words are formed and the rules associated with spelling them. A spelling test will be given to the children once a fortnight and we will be preparing for this during our **SPAG** sessions.

Science

In **Science** we will investigate **Forces, Properties and changes of Materials**.

Through these units children learn that there are many different types of forces and changes; ones that include heat and ones that don't.

They will investigate and develop their skills in:

Planning fair tests;

Making observations;

Reporting and presenting their findings;

Drawing conclusions;

Suggesting explanations for conclusions, using scientific knowledge and understanding.

French

In French we will be learning about greetings, numbers and colours.

The following website has lots of resources if you would like to learn French along with your child or support them with their learning of French.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/>

Maths

In Maths we will be working on place value skills to develop our understanding of number. We will also be working on the four key operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Another key focus this term will be developing our ability to apply mathematical skills to real life problems.

This year we will continue to challenge ourselves with **Multiplication Marathon!**

Once a week your child will try to move through the miles by completing a number of questions linked to multiplication and division in just 3 minutes.

Chanting of their times tables and quick fire questions at home will help them to learn these.

Please speak to Mrs McSweeney, Miss Beaton or Miss Sagoo if you would like help in supporting your child's mathematical learning at home.



Times Tables

As part of the National Curriculum children are required to be able to recall and use their times tables all the way up to 12 x 12. We will have three sessions a week focusing on times tables, however, **children will benefit greatly from daily times tables practice at home to ensure fluency.**