

Elmhurst School

Year 5

Spring Term

All About Year 5

Happy New Year from Year 5.

- We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a wonderful Autumn term, we really appreciate all your support so far this year.
- We hope you had a lovely winter break and are as excited about 2019 as we are here at Elmhurst.
- If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to one of the team, we will be more than happy to take the time to speak with you.

Miss Beaton, Mrs McSweeney and Miss Sagoo continue to teach Year 5.

The children in Year 5 will be supported by Mrs Begum, Mrs Harwood and Mrs Mohammad Mrs Thomas is the Phase Leader for Years 4, 5 and 6.

Home Learning

A new home learning map was given out at the end of last term. Children should complete one task each week and hand their blue home learning books in promptly on a **Monday.**

These will then be marked and ready for collection on Wednesdays. Home learning is an important part of your child's education as it consolidates learning in class and will prepare them for the expectations of Year 6 and secondary school.

Reading Homework

Key Facts about the Importance of Reading for Parents: Children who grow up without books and without positive associations around reading are at a disadvantage in the modern world (National Literacy Survey 2016).

Everyone the child has contact with at home – parent, uncle, aunt, grandparent – has an active role to play in terms of supporting reading.

Those children who are read to daily by adults do better at KS2 and GCSE than those children who are not read to. Even children in Years 5 and 6 should regularly share stories with parents and be read to. They should not be expected to read by themselves.

A child's vocabulary at 5 Years Old is a strong indicator of the GCSE results s/he will obtain.

Vocabulary development and fluency of reading are key – these can only be developed if children read extensively with a wide range of adults at school and at home.

At Elmhurst we expect parents to read with their child for 20 minutes per night at least 7 times per week. This is the **biggest difference** you as a parent can make to your child's education.

You can read anything with your child – a comic, a newspaper, a book – it does not have to be your child's school reading book. The most important thing is that you **read together.**

Children spend more time at home than they do at school therefore you play a pivotal role in teaching your child to read.

Humanities

This term, in Geography, we will be studying 'The Alps.'

We will be learning:

- The names of the continents
- The location of the Alps
- How mountains are formed
- How climates influence how houses are built
- How glaciers and avalanches are formed

In **History** we will be learning about **The Vikings.**

- Who they were
- Where they were from
- Where they invaded
- The impact The Vikings had on England

Art and Design Technology

In Design and Technology the children will be learning sewing techniques which they will then apply in Art when making hand puppets.

Physical Education

The children will be developing their social skills through collaborating, negotiating and giving feedback to others, as well as their physical balancing skills, both individually and in pairs. They will be doing this through gymnastics and outdoor games.

Although children have PE twice a week they should have their PE kit in school EVERY day.

A PE kit should include a pair of trainers (not plimsolls), dark coloured shorts, and a white t-shirt. PE will be held outside regardless of the weather so black tracksuit bottoms and a jumper are recommended!

Reading

The children will continue to have daily Guided Reading 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 1:1 reading.

Writing

In Writing we will continue to extend our writing skills through the Talk for Writing approach and will be focusing on both fiction and non-fiction texts. In English this term we will be developing our fiction writing by learning different techniques for descriptive writing. Our non-fiction writing will focus on journalist writing and explanations. Please speak to the Year 5 teachers if you would like help in supporting your child's learning in English at home.



Talk4Writing

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 week and we will be preparing for this during our **SPAG** sessions.

Science

In **Science** we will be learning about the **Solar System** and **Plant Life Cycles**.

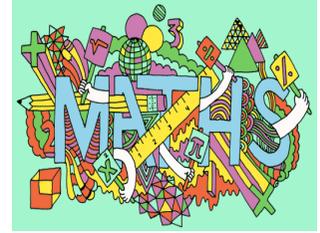
The children will investigate and develop their skills in:

- making observations
- making predictions
- drawing conclusions
- suggesting explanations for conclusions, using scientific knowledge and understanding.



Maths

In Maths we will be working on place value skills to develop our understanding of number. We will also be working on multiplication and division then using these skills when learning about fractions. Later on in the term we will be learning about decimals and percentages. The children could start looking out for examples of these in shops and their surrounding environment.



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 12×12 . We will practise times tables at school, however **children will benefit greatly from daily times tables practise at home**.

This year we will continue to challenge ourselves with a **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 children to learn these. The children now have a Rock Stars Times Tables account which they can access online at home.