

Elmhurst School

Year 5

5B and 5S

Summer Term 2019

All About Year 5

A big hello from Year 5!

- We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a wonderful Spring term, we really appreciate all your support so far this year.
- We hope you had a lovely break and are excited about our last term in Year 5!
- 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.

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

Reading Homework

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.

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.

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. This is the biggest difference you as a parent can make to your child's education.

Partnership with

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

Topic

In Geography lessons we will find out about the Amazon region of South America, considering what it is like to live in the region, as well as how it is being damaged and how it can be protected. The unit builds on previous work the children may have done in Key Stage 1 on rainforests.

During History lessons the children will learn about a non-European society – the Mayan civilisation c. 900ad – that provides contrasts with British history. Year 5 will explore the world of the Maya, and especially why most of the Maya seemed to die out around 900 ad. They will

Art & Design

In Art we will be learning about Andy Warhol and printing. In Design and Technology we will be making night lights using a circuit.

Physical

Year 5 will take part in PE lessons on Mondays and Tuesdays. 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 cognitive skills and outdoor games including athletics.

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

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 individual 1:1 reading.

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. In English this term we will be developing our fiction writing by learning different techniques for descriptive writing to improve our flashback/flash forward skills and Greek myths. Our non-fiction writing will focus on persuasion.

Please speak to Miss Sagoo or Miss Beaton 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

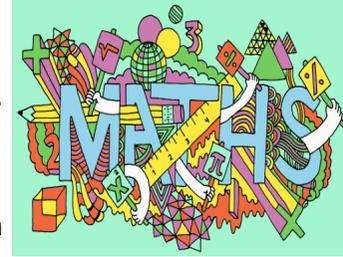
In Science, we will be learning about the life cycles of humans and animals. The children will continue to develop their skills in:

- making observations
- measuring accurately
- analysing results and drawing conclusions
- suggesting explanations for conclusions, using scientific knowledge and understanding.
- We will also be having our annual visit from the school nurses to discuss changes in our bodies during puberty.



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 numeracy 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 practise the Key Instant Recall Facts with your child on a regular basis.

If you would like help in supporting your child's Miss Sagoo or Miss Beaton 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 class sessions a week, however **children will benefit greatly from daily times tables prac-**