



# Elmwood Junior School

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## Year 5 - Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents/Careers,

We hope you have all had a relaxing half term break and would like to welcome you and your child back to school for the second half of the autumn term.

This letter provides some key information about your child's second term in Year 5, we have lots of exciting things planned for the children this half term as the run up to Christmas begins. As always, we would like to say thank you for all the support you have given your child last half term. A strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

### Highlights from the first half term in Year 5:

**Hampton Court Trip** – During our trip to Hampton Court we learnt lots about Henry VIII and the Tudors. We even had a tour from a real-life Tudor! The trip was a great success, and we can't wait for our next school trip.

**Macbeth Drama Workshop** – In the last week of term the fabulous Splats Entertainment came in to run a workshop for Year 5 based on the Shakespeare play Macbeth. It was a great way to end the half term. The children spent the day taking part in drama workshops, and at the end of the day all took part in putting on a brilliant performance of Macbeth to Year 3. Fun was had all round!

### Upcoming key dates for the diary:

<b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Author Visit, Maz Evans (Author of our Whole Class Reading book - Who Let The Gods Out)
<b>W.C 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Parents Evening
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Upper School Choir Trip to Croydon Minster
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last Day of Term
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	First day back after the Christmas Holidays





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## Year 5 Curriculum – Autumn 2

<p><b>English</b> The Island      Beowulf</p> 	<p><b>Reading</b> Who Let The Gods Out?</p> 	<p><b>Maths</b> Place Value Multiplication and Division Addition and Subtraction</p> 
<p><b>History</b> Anglo Saxons</p> 	<p><b>Science</b> Living things and their habitats</p> 	<p><b>Geography</b> U.K cities</p> 
<p><b>Computing</b> Computer Systems</p> 	<p><b>PSHE</b> Celebrating Differences</p> 	<p><b>R.E</b> Islam</p> 
<p><b>Art</b> Gargoyles</p> 	<p><b>D.T</b> Making a Mechanic Pop-Up Book</p> 	<p><b>Half Term Theme</b> <i>Legends and Tales</i> The power of storytelling</p>





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## English:

We will be looking at two core texts in our English Lessons this half term. These will provide a stimulus for our writing and link with our half term theme of **Legends and Tales**.

- The Island, by Armin Greder
- Beowulf, by Michael Morpurgo



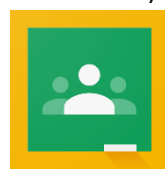
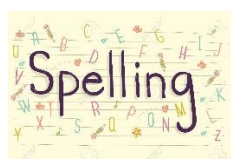
## Maths:

In Maths, we will be continuing to look at the place value of numbers. This is such key skill for children to master in maths, and underpins all of the subject. We will also be looking at addition and subtraction and calculating these using the column methods. And then, towards the end of the half term we will start looking at multiplication and division, using formal written methods to calculate them.

## Theme:

Our theme this half term is **Legends and Tales – the power of storytelling**, and we will be exploring this concept throughout the curriculum. We are all really looking forward seeing the children develop a love of storytelling and letting their imagination shine.

## Homework Reminder:

Daily	Monday	Wednesday	Friday	*New* Half Termly
Reading for 15 minutes	Mathletics	Comprehension (Set on Google Classroom)	Spelling	A project will be set for the children based around the topic they have been learning at school.
				

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

Best wishes  
Miss French  
Head of Year 5

