



# Elmwood Junior School

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January

## Year 5 - Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Careers,

### Happy New Year!

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas holiday and managed to spend some quality time with your families. As the spring term starts, we would like to welcome you back to Elmwood.

This letter provides some key information about this half term in Year 5. As always, we would like to say thank you for all the support you have given your child last term. A strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

### Upcoming key dates for the diary:

<b>11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Rearranged Author Visit - Maz Evans - Author of our Whole Class Reading book, Who Let the Gods Out (Unfortunately, due to train cancellation Maz had to cancel her visit last half term, but she is back to visit us on the 11 <sup>th</sup> January)
<b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Spanish workshop
<b>WC 23<sup>rd</sup> January and WC 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	5J and 5F swimming lessons
<b>10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	The Last Day of Half Term
<b>20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Inset Day
<b>WC 6<sup>th</sup> March And WC 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5S and 5FTS swimming lessons
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents evening























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## Year 5 Curriculum – Spring 1

<p><b>English</b> Hidden Figures  Curiosity: The Story of the Mars Rover </p>	<p><b>Reading</b> Stories for South Asian Super Girls  Ride The Wind </p>	<p><b>Maths</b> Multiplication and Division Fractions, decimals and percentages </p>
<p><b>History</b> The Space Race </p>	<p><b>Science</b> Earth and Space </p>	<p><b>Geography</b> North America </p>
<p><b>Computing</b> Creating Media - Video Editing </p>	<p><b>PSHE</b> Dreams and Goals </p>	<p><b>R.E</b> Sikhms </p>
<p><b>Art</b> David Hockney </p>	<p><b>D.T</b> Textiles - Creating Planets </p>	<p><b>Half Term Theme</b> <b>SPACE AND EXPLORATION</b> </p>

## Homework

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

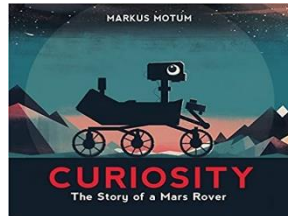
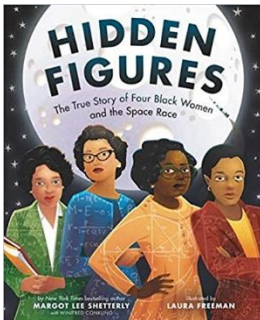
Our theme this half term is **Space and Exploration**, and we will be exploring this concept throughout the curriculum.

## English:

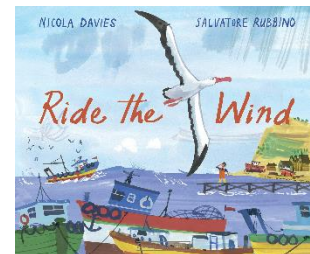
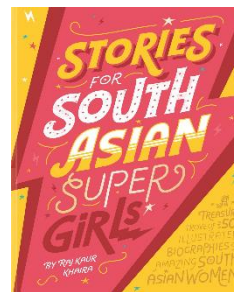
We will be looking at two core texts in our English Lessons this half term. *Hidden Figures*, by Margot Lee Shetterly and *Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover*, by Markus Motum.

In our whole class reading lessons we will be looking at the books *Stories for South Asian Super girls*, by Raj Khaira and *Ride the Wind*, by Nicola Davies.

### English



### Whole Class Reading



## Maths:

In Maths, we are starting to look at multiplication and division using formal methods. The more confident children are with their times tables, the easier they find this skill. If your child is not confident, please encourage them to practise and log onto times table rock stars at home. Later on in the half term we will then be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages.

## Swimming

We will be starting swimming lessons this term. Swimming lessons take place in the mornings over two weeks.

- 5J and 5F will be going on the weeks commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January and 30<sup>th</sup> January
- 5S and 5FST will be going on the weeks commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> March

Please ensure that on these days your child comes to school with a swimming costume / swimming trunks, a towel and goggles. More information about swimming lessons will be sent out in the coming weeks.

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

Best wishes

The Year 5 Team

