



# Elmwood Junior School

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

## Year 5 - Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Careers,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. We are officially half way through the academic year at Elmwood (time seems to be flying). The mornings are getting brighter, the evenings are getting lighter, and we have a lot to look forward to this half term in Year 5.

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 half term. A strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

### Upcoming key dates for the diary:

<b>27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	World book week
<b>WC 6<sup>th</sup> March and WC 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5J and 5F swimming lessons
<b>10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Upper school choir performance at Fairfield Hall – 7pm
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parents evening
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	Trip to the Science Museum – 5S and 5FST
<b>24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Trip to the Science Museum – 5F and 5J
<b>WC 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Whitgif Primary Project (30 children from across the Year group will be spending time at Whitgif school, taking part in Maths, Science and Computing activities)
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Last Day of Term – Easter Holidays start






















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## Year 5 Curriculum – Spring 2

<p><b>English</b> Some places more than others Robot Girl</p>  	<p><b>Reading</b> War Horse By Michael Morpurgo</p> 	<p><b>Maths</b> Fractions, decimals and percentages</p> 
<p><b>History</b> Famous Inventions</p> 	<p><b>Science</b> Materials</p> 	<p><b>Geography</b> The Great North Woods</p> 
<p><b>Computing</b> Using Databases</p> 	<p><b>PSHE</b> Dreams and Goals</p> 	<p><b>R.E</b> Sikhms</p> 
<p><b>Art</b> Zaha Hadid</p> 	<p><b>D.T</b> Cooking - Healthy Diet</p> 	<p><b>Half Term Theme</b> <b>NATURAL VS MANMADE</b></p> 

## Homework

<p><b>Daily</b></p> <p>Reading for 15 minutes</p> 	<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p>Mathletics</p> 	<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p>Comprehension (Set on Google Classroom)</p> 	<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p>Spelling</p> 	<p><b>*New* Half Termly</b></p> <p>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 **Natural Vs Manmade**, 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. *Some Places More Than Others* by Renée Watson and *Robot Girl* by Malorie Blackman.

In our whole class reading lessons we will be looking at the classic children's book *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo.

### English



### Whole Class Reading



## Maths:

In Maths, we will be looking at fractions for the first three weeks of term, and the move onto learning about decimals and percentages. Please make sure your child is spending at least 30 minutes on times table rock stars each week and completing their mathematics homework. This really does support their learning in the classroom.

## Swimming

**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

