

Friday 12th 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 makes a great difference in your child's education.

Upcoming key dates for the diary:

15th January	Young Voices at the 02 – Upper School Choir trip and performance
31st January	George Knowland Day
9th February	Legacy Crazy Hair Day
9th February	Last day of term
19th February	Inset day

Homework changes:

Monday - **Mathletics** and **Comprehension Homework**








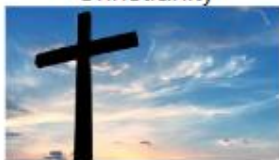



Friday – **Spelling test**

Daily – **Reading** for 15 minutes

Once every half term – The Half Termly Project!



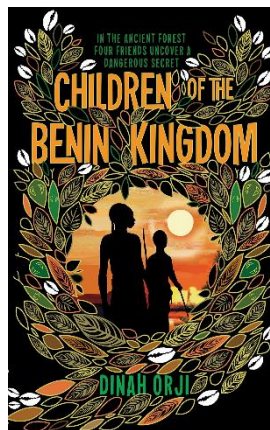
Year 5 Curriculum – Spring 1

<p>English and Reading The Children of the Kingdom of Benin By Dinah Orji</p>		<p>Maths Fractions, Multiplication and Division</p> 
<p>History The Kingdom of Benin</p> 	<p>Science Living Things and Their Habitats</p> 	<p>Geography Nigeria</p> 
<p>Computing Video Editing</p> 	<p>PSHE Dreams and Goals</p> 	<p>R.E Christianity</p> 
<p>Art African Masks</p> 	<p>D.T Healthy Eating - Cooking</p> 	<p>Half Term Theme CROSSING BORDERS</p> 

English and Reading:

We will be reading the book *The Children of the Benin Kingdom* by Dinah Orji in our English and Whole Class Reading lessons this half term. This will link with our History lessons where we are learning all about the ancient Nigeran Kingdom of Benin. Once we have finished reading the book, we will be writing a powerful letter to the British Museum where many of the artifacts from the Benin Kingdom are on display, and ask them to be sent back to their home in Nigeria.

The Children of the Benin Kingdom by Dinah Orji



Maths:

In maths this half term we are going to be looking at multiplying and dividing fractions. We will then move on to converting fractions, decimals and percentages and looking at the links between the three.

Theme:

Our theme this half term is **Crossing Borders** and we will be exploring this concept throughout the curriculum. For our entry point, the children are creating presentations all about themselves, their nationality and their family history. We're sure they have already asked you for some photos and stories.

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

Best wishes

The Year 5 Team

Miss French, Miss Jimenez, Miss Dawson, Miss Staunton and Miss Alves De Freitas