

Friday 23rd February

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:

W.C 4th March	World Book Week
7th March	World Book Day (fancy dress)
20th March	5Dj and 5A – Hampton Court Trip
22nd March	5F and 5S – Hampton Court Trip
W.C 25th March	Whitgift Project
28th March	Last day of term – 1:30pm finish

Homework Reminders:

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











Friday – **Spelling test**

Daily – **Reading** for 15 minutes

Once every half term – The Half Termly Project!



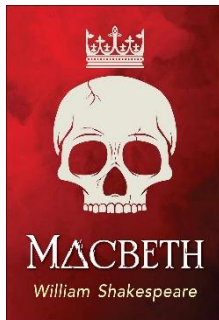
Year 5 Curriculum – Spring 2

<p>English</p> <p>Macbeth By William Shakespeare</p> 		<p>Maths</p> <p>Area and perimeter, decimals and percentages, statistics</p> 
<p>Reading</p> <p>War Horse by Michael Morpurgo</p> 	<p>Science</p> <p>Animals Including Humans</p> 	<p>Geography</p> <p>London and the River Thames</p> 
<p>Computing</p> <p>Using Excel</p> 	<p>History</p> <p>The Tudors</p> 	<p>R.E</p> <p>Christianity</p> 
<p>Art</p> <p>Digital Art</p> 	<p>PSHE</p> <p>Healthy Me</p> 	<p>Half Term Theme</p> <p>POWER AND PRINCIPLES</p> 

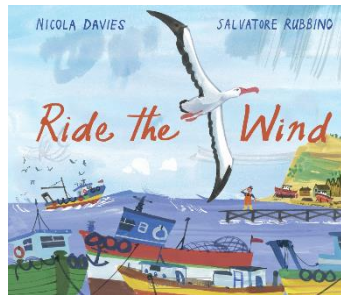
English and Reading:

In English lessons this half term, we will be focusing on two texts: **Macbeth** by William Shakespeare, and **Ride the Wind** by Nicola Davies. These stories will provide a stimulus for our writing.

In Whole Class Reading lessons we are going to be reading one of Micheal Morpurgo's best stories – **War Horse**.



Macbeth



Ride The Wind



War Horse

Maths:

In maths this half term, we are starting off by learning about perimeter and area. We will then be moving on to decimals, percentages, and statistics.

Please make sure your child is spending at least 30 minutes on Times Table Rock Stars each week and completing their Mathelectics homework. This really does support their learning in the classroom.

Theme:

Our theme this half term is **Power and Principles**, and we will be exploring this concept throughout the curriculum. For example: in History we will be answering the enquiry question: What did the Tudors value more - power or principles? And in English we will be looking at the Shakespeare story of Macbeth and seeing how his rise in power led to his decline in principles.

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