Homework and Spellings: There will be two pieces of homework set each week. Our <u>Numeracy</u> and <u>Learning Log</u> homework will be given out on a <u>Friday</u> and will be due in on a <u>Wednesday</u>. Occasionally, we may give out a piece of homework that lasts for a longer period, such as a mini-project. Spelling lists will also be sent home at the beginning of a half term and are to be <u>practised each week</u>. It is important that you take the time to learn the spellings as it will impact on your English work. In addition to this, you will also have access to Times Tables Rockstars, which you can continue to use at home on a weekly basis

Reading: As always, reading is the cornerstone of all learning, so we recommend that you read at home as much as possible (on your own or to an adult) and aim to <u>change your book regularly</u>. You will have access to our class's extensive range of fiction, poetry, plays, non fiction books, magazines and newspapers as well as fantastic sets of group readers if you want to read the same book as your friend. In class we will undertake guided reading, quiet reading, shared reading, reading for pleasure and develop your comprehension skills fully each week. We will also have an on-going class story!

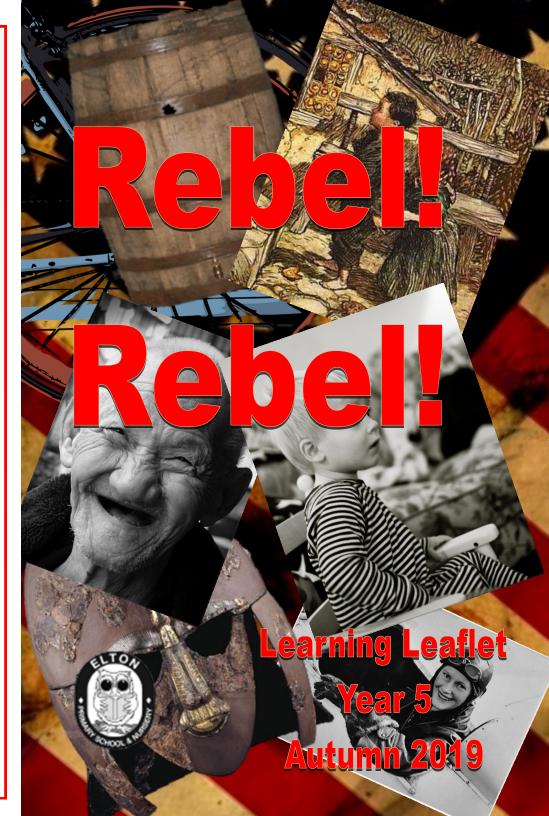
So, let's get ready for a fantastic year ahead! This is your first term in upper key stage two so let's show everyone how brilliant we are and be fantastic DREAM TEAM role models!

Mrs Higginson and Mrs Evans

Things to remember at a glance...

- PE kits (white shorts/white t-shirt/trainers or pumps/tracksuit for colder weather)- MONDAY
- Swimming stuff-WEDNESDAY
- Reading books-EVERYDAY
- Water bottles-EVERYDAY
- Homework-WEDNESDAY
- A big smile-EVERYDAY





Welcome back to your first term as Year 5: As most of you will already know, this year Mrs Higginson and Mrs Evans will both teach Year 5. Mrs Higginson will be in class Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Evans will be in class Thursday to Friday. We will also be supported throughout the year by Mrs Baldwin - our fantastic HLTA!

English: In English we will start by studying the beautifully illustrated story Queen of the falls by Chris Van Allsburg. Our primary focus will be reading and writing recounts and producing our own diaries from different viewpoints inspired by the characters in the book. After half term, we will move onto looking at traditional tales



using another beautiful book as inspiration - Carol Ann Duffy's 'The Lost Happy Endings'. We will focus on exploring different characters' viewpoints and rewriting traditional tales in exciting ways.

Maths: Following a week of initial assessments, we will start the year focusing on place value, followed by two weeks reinforcing and developing your addition and subtraction skills. We will end the half term looking at statistics (data/graphs). After half term we will move onto a <u>huge</u> focus on multiplication and division as well as further developing your skills and understanding of area and perimeter. We will end the term by assessing your amazing progress.

Topic: During our first half term, we will focus on the Americas. Our topic will be led by our English book- Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg. In our Geographical understanding of the America's we will focus on locational and place knowledge with a view to mapping out an adventure route for Annie the 'Queen' from our book.

Our second area of study is both historical and geographical in its content as we study the life and times of the Anglo Saxons, including their settlement in the UK's cities, towns and rural areas,

Science: Within science, we will look at animals, including humans, with a specific focus on describing the developmental changes humans go through from birth to old age. We will need some photographs of you as babies, toddlers, infants and now if you can collect them - thank уои.



P4C: In P4C Mrs Baldwin will explore current world issues of 'Conflict' including war, refuges, Syria and child labour. You will then examine 'Harmony' through different families, religious tolerance, democracy and freedom of expression.

French: Through your French studies you will learn to talk about school, school subjects and give your opinions before moving onto looking at Time spent in a French city and winter celebrations.

Music: We will be learning about modern rock music through 'Livin' on prayer' followed by developing our understanding of 'All that Jazz'. We will continue to learn a range of new songs also in our singing assemblies.

RE; This term our focus is Islam. We will be revisiting the Five Pillars of Islam and looking at how faith is expressed through family life.

DT: We will start be looking at inventors of the past who have helped us 'travel' across land, sea and air. We will then act as designers ourselves to make our own 'vehicles' to help us navigate crosscountry including crossing (or going down) a waterfall.

Art: We will be creating our own drawings, paintings and collages in the style of illustrator Jane Ray.

PE: PE lessons will be taught on a Monday afternoon by our sports coach Danielle practicing invasion games - so don't forget those PE kits. You will also go swimming on a Wednesday afternoon this term to the Ellesmere Port Sports Village where you will develop and enhance your swimming and water safety skills. After half term you will also undertake 'Bikeability'.

ICT: As we move into Upper KS2, INTERNET SAFETY remains paramount and we undertake a six week unit into E-SAFETY and common sense use of media platforms. You will then develop and refine your use of Scratch software to animate and design your own games. Word processing, Internet skills, i-pad use, digital photography and graphics skills will be integrated throughout the whole curriculum.