



# PANTHERS CLASS NEWSLETTER

## February 2024



Welcome to the second half of the spring term in Year 5. It is amazing to know that we are halfway through the year! Now our learning journey continues apace and we can look forward to a term filled with exciting activities, fascinating visitors and knowledge packed lessons as we continue to travel through time.



At the end of last term we enjoyed a special week focusing on diversity in our school. We celebrated our differences, our backgrounds, our home languages and our cultures. We made delicious Mediterranean tarts with our guest cookery teacher, learned to sign "If you're happy and you know it", learned Polish words and phrases with a very special teacher, danced around the world with our SENCO and made dream catchers (like many Native Americans do) to save us from night terrors! The children's highlight was probably the colour run where they laughed all the way around the course. It was a fantastic week of positivity and openness and reflection on who we are, where we come from and commemorating our class community.

Coming up this term...

In English, we will be exploring some classic poetry, beginning with "The Kraken" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, focussing particularly on imagery and figurative language. After this we will be studying film narrative and improving our writing skills in Wonder Writing sessions.



In Maths, we have already begun our work on Decimals which will be followed by the topics of Percentages and Geometry.

In Science, we will be learning about forces . The children will have learned about forces further down the school so we will be building on that learning and increasing our understanding of gravity, the theories of Sir Isaac Newton, water resistance, air resistance and mechanisms.



In Computing, we will be learning more about internet safety and how to program robots.

In Geography, we will continue looking at areas of the Earth grouped by vegetation as well as investigating some of the world's major cities and comparing them. Also, we will be learning about lines of latitude and longitude as well as volcanoes and earthquakes.



Our P.E. sessions are on Mondays and Fridays so please do remind the children to bring their PE kits into school on Mondays and their swimming kit (trunks or costume, towel) on Fridays. Remember that long hair should be tied up and earrings taken out or covered with micropore tape.

## Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday at the latest. Homework should be completed to the best of the pupil's ability. In addition to this, don't forget to keep on encouraging the children to read as often as possible and continue learning their times tables and reciting them with greater fluency.



Spellings should be practiced everyday if possible and the look, cover, write, check method should not be done in one go, but spread over the week so that the spellings are learnt with confidence and children are ready for the test each Monday. Keep practising the year 5/6 words that you were set before the holidays.

If your child is uncertain about any of the homework set, they can ask a member of the Year 5 team, before it is due in, for extra support and guidance.

Year 5 have cereal on Wednesday mornings.

Thank you for your continued support and communication. It is so rewarding to see the children's progress and we can't wait to see how they grow over the second half of the year.

Mrs Blurton, Mrs Archer and Miss Savill.