



PANTHERS CLASS NEWSLETTER



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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 and knowledge packed lessons as we continue to travel the world in our topic Investigating Our World.



At the end of last term, we enjoyed a special STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Week. We learned about the incredible importance of questioning the world around us, always asking how, why, what if... Also, we were lucky to be visited by PC Helen and her police dogs who displayed their incredible sense of smell and learned about how they saved lives, found people as well as clues. The Rock Man brought us rocks not only from our planet, but from Mars; we even got to touch a little piece of the Moon.

Coming up this term...

In English, we will be exploring narrative told through film as well as some classic poetry, beginning with "The Kraken" by Alfred, Lord Tennyson and finishing with "The Magic Box" by Kit Wright. For both poems we will be focussing on imagery and figurative language. .



In Maths, we have already begun our work on decimals which will be followed by percentages and geometry.

Do keep practising the times tables as they are, of courses, essential in all areas of maths.





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 mountains, rivers as well as volcanoes and earthquakes.



Our P.E. sessions are on, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Children should come to school P.E ready on Tuesdays and Wednesday. Remember that long hair should be tied up and earrings taken out or covered with micropore tape. On Fridays, year 5 pupils will be continuing with their swimming sessions so please remember swimming kits and towels each Friday. Any earrings will need to be removed for swimming.



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 Tuesday.

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 continue to have cereal on Wednesday mornings.

Thank you for your continued support and communication. It is so rewarding to see how much the children have progressed this year and I cannot wait to see how they grow over the second half of the year.

Mrs Blurton