



PANTHERS CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year! Welcome to the spring term of 2024. We have so much to look forward to and lots of exciting topics to learn about.



Our new topic is called Time Travellers. Tick, tock, tick, tock. The hands on the clock never stop! But what if the clock struck 13? In *Tom's Midnight Garden*, our class text, Tom travels in time. Imagine that you could time travel too. When would you like to travel to and what would you like to see? Will you head back to your past or into your future? You decide!

In English, we will begin by looking at our class text, before moving on to explore a range of newspaper reports, culminating in writing a report of our own. During our guided reading sessions there will be a variety of both fiction and non-fiction texts to widen children's reading and to enhance their prediction, inference, explanation and retrieval skills.

In Maths, we will be working with fractions and decimals. This chapter develops pupils' ability to handle more diverse problems involving fractions, including dividing and multiplying fractions by whole numbers.

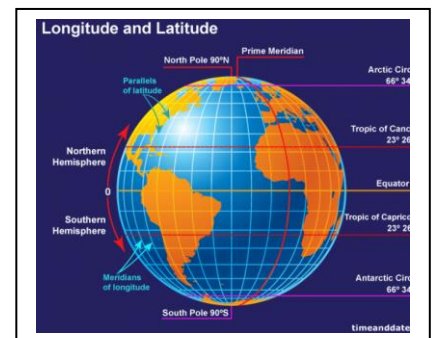
In Science, we will be starting a new and exciting topic, SPACE. So, get your rockets ready and count down from 10 for a blast off into a whole other world filled with facts, enquiries and opportunities to have questions answered as well as investigate the solar system.

In Computing, we will look at creating vector drawings. The children will learn how to use different drawing tools to help them create images. We will recognise that images in vector drawings are created using shapes and lines, and each individual element in the drawing is called an object. Children will layer their objects and begin grouping and duplicating them to support the creation of more complex pieces of work.

In Geography, we will be travelling the world and investigating landscapes, climate zones, hemispheres and biomes. Also, we will be learning to read Ordnance Survey maps, understand contour lines and comparing cities across the globe.



Our P.E. session is on Monday so please do remind the children to bring their PE kits into school every Monday. Remember that long hair should be tied up and earrings taken out or covered with micropore tape. On Fridays, year 5 pupils will be going swimming so please remember to bring in your costume or trunks and a towel every Friday.



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.



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.

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.

Thank you for your continued support and communication. We are all so pleased with the effort the children put into their work in school and at home.

Wishing you a happy and safe New Year.

Mrs Blurton and the Year 5 team.