



PANTHERS NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2022





Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had a pleasant and fun-filled summer holiday.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Year 5 team. I am Mrs Blurton, the class teacher and the teaching assistants in Panthers are Mrs Archer, Miss Savill and Mrs Way. I am so looking forward to beginning our learning journey together as we have plenty of exciting topics and lessons to keep us busy this term. Read on to find out more!

TOPIC

Our topic for the term is 'Pharaohs' and, through the study of the Ancient Egyptians, the children will develop their historical, geographical and social understanding. Let's travel back 5000 years, to the dusty realms of ancient Egypt. Cruise along the Nile, entering a world of mysteries and curses, mummies and kings. Find out about life on the river's fertile banks, discovering Egypt and its fascinating culture. Unravel the secrets of ancient tombs, using historical sources and ancient artefacts. Find out about powerful pharaohs and grandiose gods. Become an apprentice and work for Ramose, the chief embalmer at the Beautiful House. Help him prepare a body for its journey into the afterlife – if you dare!



ENGLISH



This term we will begin by learning how to write a non-chronological report. Following this, we will move to the realms of fiction and write a mystery story (or two!) which will be based on our thrill-packed class text "Secrets of a Sun King." The children will begin to learn the year 5/6 spellings and increase their knowledge of punctuation and tenses.



MATHS

We will continue to follow the National Curriculum for Maths focusing on place value and developing efficient mental and written methods for all four operations. Please continue to support your child with their times tables at home as this will improve their speed and confidence in Maths.

SCIENCE

This term we will be learning all a variety of living things and their habitats. The children will be exploring the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird as well as describing the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

COMPUTING

This term we are learning to create a world and game in a programme called Kodu. The children will learn how to create a world for a variety of characters, ending the term by creating a racing game with programmable characters.

P.E.

Our PE sessions this year are on <u>Mondays and Tuesdays</u>. Children will change for P.E. in school. Always having the correct kit for P.E. is a small way in which pupils can begin to show independence. Pupils must ensure that they bring their P.E. kit to school on each day that they have P.E.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is to be returned to school by the following Tuesday at the latest. Pupils should take responsibility for ensuring they complete as much of their homework themselves as best they can and handing it in on time.

Additionally, spellings will be set on a Friday ready for a spelling test the following Friday. Pupils should be learning these spellings at home alongside any other homework that has been set.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes

Mrs Blurton