



PANTHERS NEWSLETTER

November 2024

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. Although the clocks have gone back, leaves are falling off of trees and temperatures are dropping, the children have lost none of their enthusiasm for learning and returned eagerly to school to begin another packed and busy term.



Our Learning

We have started English this half term by looking at narrative poetry and unpicking the strange and magical language of Lewis Carroll by looking in depth at his poem "Jabberwocky." In the coming weeks, we will be undertaking an author study on former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo, as well as improving our skills at non-fiction writing.

Maths will involve a mixture of division, word problems, graphs and fractions. Remember to keep practising those times tables. Fluency in times tables is essential in all areas of maths (and saves lots of time).

In Science, we will be learning about animals, including humans. We will study the human life cycle and what we need in order to survive. In Computing, we will be learning about a new program called SketchUp; the children will learn the basics of architecture and use shape, size and design to create their own house/building.

We will learn more about Ancient Egypt in Topic lessons, focussing on the Egyptians belief systems, their Gods and Goddesses, the building of the pyramids as well as the lives of ordinary people.



Our PE sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Remember to tie up long hair and bring in micropore tape to cover up earrings (if you are unable to remove them yourself). On Fridays, you will be having swimming lessons so please bring your swimming kit into school every Friday (trunks or costume, towel, hair ties). ALL earrings will need to be removed for swimming. Always having the correct kit for P.E. is a small way in which you can begin to show independence. So, you must ensure that you bring your P.E. kit to school on each day that you have P.E.



Spellings should be practised every day if possible. Tests will be on Mondays.



Homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday at the latest. Children should complete their homework to the best of their ability. If unsure about any of the homework set, pupils can speak to 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.

Mrs Blurton and the Year 5 team.