

PANTHERS CLASS NEWSLETTER

June 2025



Hello! It is so exciting to welcome the children back for their final half-term in Year 5. All of the staff in Year 5 were so proud of the children for rising to the many challenges they were set during the final week of last term when we took our learning outdoors, including making potions and learning pike drill on our trip to Holdenby House.



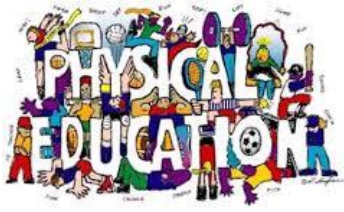
Off with her head! Our topic on the Terrifying Tudors continues. This term the children are focussing on the reign of Glorian, aka Elizabeth I and learning about exploration and the role of legal pirates. We will also look at the houses Tudors lived in, the food they ate and the education they had. Our class text is "Treason" by Berlie Doherty, a fantastic story of one Tudor boy's battle to save his father.

English: We begin the term by looking at persuasive texts. After that, the children will be introduced to stories and poetries from other cultures from around the world. As well as analysing the poetry, they will be reminded about figurative language and look at how it adds to the power of the poems. We will look at stories from across the globe, particularly from the modern era. Also, the children will be consolidating their basic writing skills in grammar and punctuation in preparation for their move up to year 6.

Maths: The term will start with area and perimeter followed by volume and Roman numerals. As the term progresses, the children will be securing their skills on place value, fractions and decimals, the four operations and answering word problems.

Science: This half-term, the children will be completing the topic of properties of materials looking at how to separate materials, reversible and irreversible changes the uses of materials and other properties like conductivity and solubility.

Computing: This half term the children will be exploring programming. This unit explores the concept of variables in programming through games in Scratch. First, learners find out what variables are and relate them to real-world examples of values that can be set and changed. Then they use variables to create a simulation of a scoreboard. They follow this by experimenting with variables in an existing project, then modify them, before they create their own project which they design and improve.



Our P.E. sessions are on Tuesdays and Thursdays and children should bring their P.E. kits into school to change into on both days. On Fridays, children should come to school in their P.E. kits as KS2 will continue to have athletics on Friday afternoons. Remember that long hair should be tied up and earrings taken out or covered with micropore tape. Also on Fridays, Year 5 will continue to have swimming lessons so will need their swimming kit each week.



Spellings will be given every Monday and there will be a test the following Monday. Please do look at the spellings as many times as possible.

Homework will also be handed out on Thursdays and then should be returned by the following Tuesday.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 24th June: Sports Day

Wednesday 25th June: Summer Fayre

Wednesday 23rd July: End of term

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Blurton