



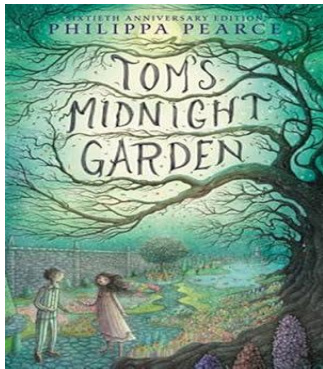
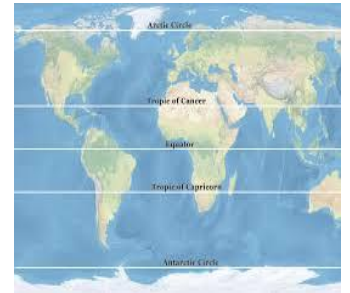
PANTHERS CLASS NEWSLETTER

January 2026



Happy New Year! Year 5 staff wish you a warm welcome to the spring term of 2026. We have so much to look forward to and lots of exciting learning to do!

Our new topic is geographical and is called Investigating Our World. We will learn about some of the major geographical features of our planet such as biomes and climate zones, as well as studying lines of latitude and longitude. Also, we will look at Ordnance Survey maps of our local area and learn about different landscapes as well as rivers and mountains.



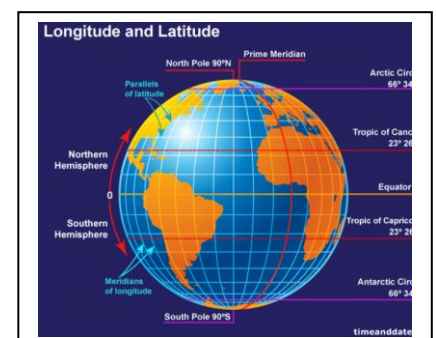
Tick, tock, tick, tock. The hands on the grandfather clock never stop! But what if the clock struck 13? In *Tom's Midnight Garden*, our class text, Tom travels back in time. Imagine that you could time travel too. When would you like to travel to and what would you like to see? Will you head back to your past or into your future? Find out what happens to Tom as we read this classic book.

In English, we will begin by looking at our class text, before moving on to explore a range of newspaper reports, culminating with us 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. These chapters develop pupils' ability to manage more diverse problems involving fractions, including dividing and multiplying fractions by whole numbers.

In Science, our topic is called animals including humans. However, our focus is purely on humans as we investigate the stages of human development and the changes that humans undergo as we grow and age.

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. 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.





Our PE sessions are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. You should come to school in your P.E kit on both days. 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.



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 hear the children read or encourage them to read as often as possible. Please remind them to continue learning their times tables and reciting them with fluency.



Spellings should be practised every day if possible and the look, cover, write, check method should not be completed 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.

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.