



**Kedington
Primary
Academy**

Panthers' Class

Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,
Welcome back!

We hope you have all enjoyed a well-earned Christmas break after such a successful Autumn Term in the Panthers. We may have some seasonally chilly days to come, but having passed the shortest day, we look forward to the early signs of spring: snowdrops, daffodils and a dawn chorus.

Mrs Williams and Ms Kirby will continue to be leading the Panthers' Class with the support of Mrs Norden.

Panthers' PE sessions will take place on a Monday and Wednesday this term. We will be covering **Games** and **Dance**. While the weather remains chilly, we will mainly be indoors for both sessions. If the temperature permits, we will go outside for Games on a Monday.

Please ensure your child has the following items in their PE bags at all times:

- White T-Shirt
- Black Shorts
- Tracksuit bottoms
- Tracksuit top
- Trainers

Please remember
that no jewellery
is to be worn in
PE.

Spellings

This term's spelling tests will take place on a Monday afternoon. Spelling new tricky words and homophones is a challenge, so it is important that the Panthers are practising their chosen words in sentences and using them in all the different types of writing. Please check the spelling strategies suggested at the beginning of the Autumn Term or on Dojo.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Many Panthers are regularly practising their times tables and climbing the leader board. The questions your child will be asked will continue to cover the 2s, 5s and 10s but will also include the 3s and 4s as their confidence develops. Both multiplication and division questions will appear.

What are the Panthers learning this term?

In January, we will be looking at Nonsense Poems in **Literacy** and then a Journey Story. We will also be writing non-chronological reports or information texts. In **Maths**, we will be looking at Time and Fractions followed by addition and subtraction of two digit numbers.

Our **Topic** is a Local Study of Kedington. During this topic we will also be making comparisons to Cambridge, so any visits to the city will be great for adding to the children's background knowledge.

In **Science**, our area of investigation is Light and Sound.

In **Music**, as well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose, we will listen and appraise classic rock songs using musical terminology such as pulse and rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics and texture.

In **French**, we will continue to enjoy learning songs and rhymes, as well as asking and answering simple questions linked with ordering food and drink, talking about hobbies and our homes.

In **ICT** we will continue to develop the key skills of computing which are available on our website.

The Panthers are already becoming excellent readers and our new strategy of teaching Whole Class Guided Reading seems to have been highly successful. Thank you for continuing to support your child with this fundamental skill at home. It really makes a huge difference. We will continue to focus on asking questions about a wide variety of texts. If you need a list of possible questions, please let us know.

Dates for your diary

21st January - Y2 SATS meeting
Week Beginning 18th - February Half Term
26th and 28th February – Parents' Evening