

Panthers' Class

Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the last term of Year 2! We have a jam-packed term ahead of us but I know that your children rise to the challenges every time. As you will be aware, your children will be completing SATS in May. As noted in the document I uploaded to Dojo before the Easter break, we do not want your children to be under any pressure. The SATS are a small segment of what will form a much larger picture of your child's attainment - please continue to complete the home learning activities provided weekly as this has been having a huge impact. If you have any questions about SATS then please don't hesitate to contact me. As mentioned last term, it would be very helpful for you to drop me a message on Dojo if your child is off due to a Covid related absence. I just want to emphasise that if your child isn't well then there is no expectation for them to complete work - this is only provided for those well enough to do so! If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to message or grab me at pick-up time! Miss MacKenzie

Literacy	Maths	Science	Geography/History
The children have made outstanding progress in writing, and we have had a real focus on handwriting. We will start by writing non-chronological reports this term, followed by character descriptions! We have already written these types of texts this year so that will allow for greater independence this time round and allow your children to really demonstrate their skills!	To start this term we are going to be learning about capacity and volume. Following this we are going to spend some time revisiting some of the trickier areas the children struggle with ahead of SATS. These include: fractions, multiplication and division. After half term we will be moving onto numbers to 1000!	In science, we are going to be completing our CUSP unit on plants! In this unit there will be lots of opportunities for observations of plants growing and we will be growing a couple ourselves! After half-term we will be revisiting our topic on living things and their habitats which will link perfectly to the zoo trip where we will be having a discovery session about habitats!	In Geography, we are going to be developing our fieldwork and map reading skills! We will be revisiting our learning about our local environment to help with this further. Later this term we will be revisiting the much-loved topic of the Great Fire of London. I'm sure the children will be very excited about this. We also have a virtual workshop arranged for this to allow the children to put their knowledge to the test!

Other Curriculum subjects

Our wider curriculum subjects include computing, art, design and technology, religious education and music. In DT we will be learning about a balanced diet and will finish this unit by making our own wraps!

PSHE & PE

PSHE and the emotional wellbeing of pupils will continue to be at the forefront of our curriculum, with twice weekly PSHE sessions. This term, Panthers class will continue to have PE on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please send your children into school wearing their PE kit on a Tuesday morning. Your children will then be sent home wearing their PE kit, to allow you to also send them to school wearing them on a Thursday. By the children coming to school in their PE kit, this allows us to maximise the amount of PE they are accessing, as this removes the time required for the children to change.

Homework and Spellings

Knowledge organisers for some subjects will be uploaded to Showbie ahead of us starting a new topic, please look at these and discuss these with your children as our learning progresses. Spellings will also be uploaded to Showbie on a Friday. Please practise these with your children ready for our test the following Friday. **Please remember to send spelling books back to school - they are sent home as I appreciate lots of parents like to see how their children have done, but please send them back!** Maths and reading comprehension are also uploaded to Showbie each Friday. Please don't send the workbooks back to school - instead just upload the completed tasks to your child's Showbie account. All work done at home is hugely appreciated!

Reading and Phonics

Mrs Ahlquist will continue to teach whole class reading comprehension lessons twice a week. Throughout the year, the children will study a variety of different texts. (Many of these have also been recommended on the Year 2 reading list). Phonics lessons take place daily - although our phonics lessons are becoming to feel more like daily spelling lessons. We are now learning spelling rules for adding suffixes, recognising homophones, and consolidating alternative spelling and pronunciation from earlier in the year.

Please aim to listen to your children reading daily.

This does not always have to be their school book. We aim to change their books weekly on a Monday or Tuesday, if there is staff absence this can be challenging but we will always endeavour to get them changed as soon as possible. When listening to your children read, it is highly beneficial if you also ask them questions about the text to develop their comprehension skills. This can include predictions, inference and checking understanding of vocabulary. There is a document with suggested questions on Showbie - many of which use the language they will be exposed to in SATS.

Please write in your child's orange home reading record when you have read with them, we do look at this at school and your comments are so important!