



Year 5

PANTHERS NEWSLETTER: April 2021



Welcome back! As the sun starts to shine a little more brightly, and more places open up, we can start to feel a little more hopeful and cheerful as we begin our summer term. It was so lovely to have all of the children back in class again before Easter, and we are all very proud of how well they settled in and adapted, once again, to the 'new normal'. We finished off our 'Time Traveller' topic by thinking about our hopes and goals for the near and distant future and enjoyed getting outside for PE. We were also excited to be able to do some practical Science once again!



Off with her Head! What sort of man would order the beheading of his wife? Was she really that bad? Travel back in time to the 1500s and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that changed our history. Discover an opulent court where dancing and singing goes hand in hand with swift falls from favour, and even swifter falling of heads. Develop your painting skills in miniature, solve riddles and remember to protect your precious neck with a large white ruff, if you want to survive at Tudor court. Flex your detective muscles and become a criminal investigator. Will you

find out the facts or will the evidence from the past bemuse you? How will you find the accused, innocent or guilty? It's your turn to take part in one of the most famous trials that the world has ever known.

English: We will be having more of a non-fiction focus this half term, writing a biography for someone from the Tudor times as well as some persuasive writing linked to Henry VIII. This will be a great opportunity for the children to use their skills of persuasion to put across their point of view in a constructive manner. There will still be opportunities each week for creative story writing.

Maths: We will be learning about position and movement, including coordinates, translating and reflecting shapes; measurements involving length, mass, time and temperature; and area and perimeter. Number work will continue during our Fast Maths lessons.

Science: We will be continuing our work on the topic Properties and Changes of Materials, recapping some of the home learning that was carried out as well as focusing on more of the practical elements and working scientifically.

Computing: This half term we will be exploring a program called 'SKETCH UP!' It is used for a wide range of 3D modelling projects like architecture, interior design and landscape design too. We will learn to use the toolset in order to design, draw and add detail to a building- it all sounds very exciting and we can't wait to get going!



PE is currently with the Sports Coach on Tuesdays and Thursdays and with Mrs Obhi on Wednesdays, so please remind the children to come to school wearing their PE kit on those three days. Long hair must be tied up and earrings must be taken out or tape should be provided. Water bottles are essential.



Spellings will be given every Friday and there will be a test each Thursday or Friday depending on the daily timetable. Please do look at the spellings as many times as possible.

Homework will also be handed out on Fridays and then should be returned by the following Tuesday of each week.

We have a typical British springtime ahead of us, where it can be glorious sunshine one minute and snowing the next! However, we will endeavour to get the children outside as much as possible and we will be continuing to keep windows open so please make sure they have the appropriate clothing.

Fingers crossed for a half term free of disruptions!

Wishing you and your families continued good health,

Mrs Ayres, Mrs Obhi and the Year 5 team.