




Year 5

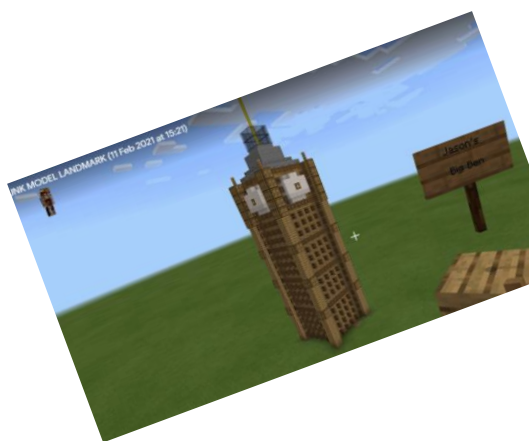
PANTHERS NEWSLETTER: February 2021



Well Panthers, we are half-way through this academic year and may we just say that you have all been absolutely amazing throughout these very unpredictable times! We sincerely hope that you and your families have been able to relax and do those things that you find fun together! Let's keep the same momentum going that we did last half term - WE CAN DO THIS! You all showed so much enthusiasm for your home learning that we know you will continue to produce fantastic work until the time comes when we are all reunited 

Time to Celebrate!

Specialist week was like a 'breath of fresh air'. We all enjoyed the different activities and embraced the fact that we could have a more relaxed week of learning together. There was some awesome work submitted, from huge junk models of famous landmarks to cake baking that deserved to be on the 'Junior British Bake Off'! We also enjoyed showing off our knowledge of the United Kingdom by participating in a live quiz, and wrote postcards to loved ones from our favourite British place; Cornwall proved to be very popular.



Time Travellers continues! There is yet more to explore and we kick start this half term with some lovely collages for the art we created last half term. Make sure you have all of it saved somewhere!

We will also be doing some standalone Geography lessons, reminding ourselves of the 8 compass points and how to read a map.



Film narratives will be the stimulus for this half term's English focus. You will consider how the author/director has developed characters and settings in the performance. You will also be assessing the effectiveness of this on you, as the audience. So, get ready to think of some wonderful vocabulary and reasoning for your opinions and viewpoints!

In Maths we will continue to add and subtract decimals and then learn how to round decimals too. The next chapters will cover percentages and then we will move on to some geometry, so that should be a nice change!

In Science, we will be learning about the properties of materials, considering why objects are made out of e.g. plastic or rubber, exploring which materials are best for insulating, and experimenting with dissolving and separating certain materials.

As you know computing is more difficult to teach if you haven't got the programs that are used in school, so we shall continue to upload links for 'Touch Typing' activities so that when you return you will be expert typists. This lesson will take place on Wednesday afternoons.



PE is currently on Tuesdays and Thursdays so please do remind the children to come to school wearing their PE kit on those days. Long hair must be tied up and earrings must be taken out or tape should be provided. Water bottles are essential. Those of you learning at home, we trust that you get some exercise at home, whether it be walking the dog, playing some football or taking part in some Joe Wicks. It will make you feel so much more energetic and happier within.



Spelling activities will be uploaded on Google Classroom throughout the week and should be completed on the day that they are assigned. There will still be a LIVE spelling test on Thursdays!

Although this is a short half term we still lots to learn and plenty of time to be creative. We continue to look forward to teaching the children in person again but in the meantime, we will continue to enjoy looking at the work that is submitted online. Everyone has persevered and that is one thing that you and the children should be super proud of!

If you require any form of stationery or paper in order to carry out any of the tasks at home, please do get in touch with one of us and we can arrange a time to hand things over to you. Continue to encourage your children to do their best with each of their tasks, and keep any Topic work completed on paper so that it can be stuck into their books when they are back in school. Not long now and we will soon be reunited!!

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you and your families continued good health,
Mrs Ayres, Mrs Obhi and the Year 5 team.