

# Panthers Spring Term Newsletter

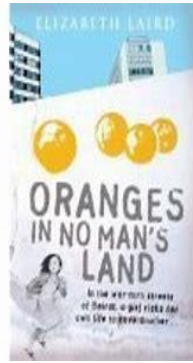


After a really successful Autumn Term in Year 5, the children have come back from the Christmas holiday keen and ready to learn!

Here are a few pictures from our end of term WW2 rationing party!



In English this term we will be starting a new class text called 'Oranges in No Man's Land' by Elizabeth Laird. This exciting, but sad story details the life of Ayesha who is growing up in the war torn streets of Beirut during the civil war. Alongside this study we will focus on lots of other stories from other cultures in our guided reading sessions.



We will also be focusing a little more heavily on SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) tasks and the children will have some opportunities to practise these skills in their homework too.

We will be continuing to work through our targets in maths. Our first unit will be negative numbers and a recap on the place value skills we covered last term. After this we will move onto multiplication skills involving prime numbers, square numbers and factors. The children really need quick recall of their times tables to be more successful with this so any support at home would be beneficial.

Last term our quickest time in 'fast learning' was

- Hanishka

And our most improved times were held by

- Elisha
- Sean

This term the children will practise weekly to continue to recall their times tables as quickly as possible



The story of ancient Egypt has survived for thousands of years and it was one of the greatest civilizations of the past. The monuments and tombs of their Pharaohs continue to stand intact today, some 4,000 years later! This term we will continue our study of this ancient civilization and look back at the famous Pharaohs and the tombs they were buried in. There will be so many opportunities for some fantastic art work to be completed and we are so lucky to have so many talented artists in the class!



### Important dates and reminders for this term:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Specialist Week (details to follow)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February - TLCs  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - TLCs

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February- Last day of the half term

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Pupils return to school