

Panthers Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a restful half term and are ready for a short spring term. This half term we will be learning 'Who were the Ancient Greeks'. The children are already excited by this topic and are keen to learn more. If you have any questions, concerns or would like ideas of how to support your child at home then please do come and see me.

Miss McCourt

Topic

Our learning challenge question for this term is: "Who were the ancient Greeks?" Throughout this topic, the children will cover many aspects of the history curriculum. They will create a timeline of events, learn about early Greeks, Kings and war. They will learn about what they believed in and who they worshipped, everyday life, the Olympic Games and what the ancient Greeks left behind, in terms of architecture.

As well as the fantastic opportunities for historical enquiry, the children will develop their geographical knowledge of Greece and Europe. They will look at world maps and be able to locate Greece and know its capital city and they will learn about particular landmarks and famous buildings.



Science

The science topic for this term is living things, habitats and plants. The children will learn about the different functions of each part of a plant, what they need to grow, how they transport water and the life cycle of a plant. They will identify and classify different types of plant in their local environment and how changes in the environment can pose dangers to living things.



Maths

This half term we will be looking at: perimeter and area, fractions of amounts, addition and subtraction, coordinates and translation and adding and subtracting fractions. All the children are continuing to learn their times tables and should be practicing these at home.

We are continuing to teach the new National Curriculum; therefore, you may find that there are some changes in the methods taught in maths and the expectations of knowledge. Please feel free to come and discuss these methods with me.

English

In English this term the children are studying ancient Greek myths. They are going to read the myth 'The Odessey' and carry out a character study. Then, they will write a diary entry in the style of a character. They will also write a newspaper report about the Trojan horse and a non-chronological report about Greece. Later on in the term, the children will study the myth 'The Labours of Heracles'. They will use this as a template to write their own myth, which we will redraft. Finally, the children will write recipes for famous Greek dishes.

Look out for videos and pictures showing the methods used in maths on the "Helping your child at home" section of the website.

PE & Swimming

This year the Panthers have PE on **Tuesday** and swimming lessons on **Thursday**.

Please make sure your child has their full PE kit and swimming kit in school on these days.

If your child is unable to take part in either of these activities they **must bring in a letter** to explain this.

School Website

Please check our school website regularly to find out what the Panthers have been learning in class. I update our class page regularly with photos.

<http://www.kenninghallprimaryschool.com/>

Class cover

Monday PM: Mrs Halmshaw - singing and Mr Kelly - French

Tuesday PM: Mrs Billingham - PE

Thursday AM: Mrs Ward and Mrs Caunter - swimming

Thursday PM: Norfolk Music Service - Music - pBone lessons



Homework

Spelling homework will be given out on Mondays in the big blue book and should be practised for a test on the following Monday. Big blue spelling books **must be in school **every Monday** so the children can complete a spelling test, collect their new spelling list and show you the result of their hard work.**

Maths homework will be given every Friday and should be completed by the following **Thursday**. This can be found on Mathletics which is accessible online. Each child has their own log in and tasks will be set for them to complete which will support their learning in school.

For the last two weeks of each half term, children will receive a **learning log** homework linked to the topic.

Reading Records

Please ensure that reading records are brought into school **every day** so that I can move children up on their reading challenge board. We have guided reading on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** and they will need their reading records on these days especially.

Library

Panthers visit the library on **Wednesday** afternoons. Please make sure they have their reading books in school on that day to return/exchange.

Time	8:55	9:00	9:20	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:20 - 12:15	12:15	1:15	1:30	2:15	2:45
Day	9:00	9:20	10:30	10:45	11:00	11:20		1:15	1:30	2:15	2:45	3:15
Mon	REGISTRATION	SPELLINGS	MATHS	BREAK TIME	ASSEMBLY	VCOP	ENGLISH	LUNCHTIME	GUIDED READING	ART	MUSIC SINGING	FRENCH
Tue		HANDWRITING	MATHS		ASSEMBLY	VCOP	ENGLISH		TOPIC	PPA PE		
Wed		SINGING ASSEMBLY	MATHS		SPELLINGS	VCOP	ENGLISH		GUIDED READING	TOPIC		
Thur		SPELLINGS	MATHS		ASSEMBLY	PPA SWIMMING			TOPIC	PSHE	PBONES	
Fri		MATHS	VCOP		BIG WRITE		GUIDED READING		SCIENCE	ASSEMBLY		

