

Panthers' Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas and you're feeling refreshed for the new half term! The Panthers did really well in the last term and have produced some fantastic work. I look forward to seeing how they can build on that with the work that they will produce this half term.

Please could I remind parents that children are expected to be using Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed on a weekly basis. I will be monitoring Times Table Rockstars more vigilantly this half term, but welcome other methods of practicing times tables outside of class.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like ideas of how to support your child at home then please do come and see me.

Topic

Our learning challenge question for this term is: 'How well do I know Britain?' During this topic, children will look in detail at major cities and counties of Britain. They will also be able to learn about the geography of Britain, using map skills to identify different areas of land such as mountains, rivers and national parks. Children will begin to use grid references when looking at maps and learn about the history of local areas and how it has changed. They will learn about the similarities and differences of cities and towns and how this has changed over time. A focus on a local area will be carried out and the children will spend some time focusing on the geography and history of it.

Science

In science lessons we will be learning about Living Things and their habitats. Children will explore, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. They will also be able to engage in some practical investigations.

Maths

In Maths this half-term we will be focusing on division, and then move onto measurement and also fractions. Using different written and mental methods, the children will be able to build on their prior knowledge and apply this using new skills in lessons.

In class we will continue to follow the three principles of fluency, problem solving and reasoning within our work.

All children have log in details for Times Tables Rockstars. Children are expected to regularly use this to improve their times table knowledge and speed of recall.

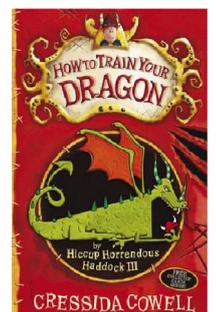
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English

In English this half-term children will be reading the *How to Train Your Dragon* by Cressida Cowell. For the whole half-term children will be focusing on writing to entertain.

They will be orally retelling Norse myths and predicting what will happen next, they will also plan and write their own myth based on the ideas they gain from their work on myths. Throughout this half term we will be focusing on using sentences, paragraphs, tenses and punctuation correctly.



Class cover

Monday PM: Mrs Medler
(French/PSHE)

Tues AM: Mrs Medler
(Maths/Spellings)

A provisional date for our Read,
Share, Review is **Thursday 28th**
February.

PSHE

In PSHE lessons this half term, children will learn about e-safety.

This coincides with an E-Safety Day which takes place on Tuesday 5th February.

School Website

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

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

P.E.

This year Panthers will have one P.E. lesson a week: on a **Tuesday** afternoon and will have swimming on a **Thursday** morning for the Spring Term.

Please make sure your children have their P.E kits in school on those days. If your child cannot take part in PE, please ensure they bring in a note explaining the reason.

Homework

As last term, the children will receive weekly Spelling and Maths homework.

Spelling homework will be given out on Mondays and spellings should be practised for a test on the following Monday. **Children are expected to play at least six games on the Spelling Shed.** These accounts are monitored by me and I can assess how confident children are and common areas of mistakes.

Maths homework will be given each Friday and should be completed by the following Thursday. In addition to the weekly maths homework, throughout the year there will be a strong focus on recall of **times tables** (it is expected under the new curriculum that children know all of their times tables up to 12x by Year 4). **Children are expected to play at least six games on Times Tables Rockstars a week.**

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.

