

## 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 keeping up with practice of spellings and times tables on a weekly basis. Children are listened to by a TA when possible, but please make sure that they are reading to an adult at home around 3-4 times a week.**

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 has abstract art developed over time' During this topic, children will look at different artists who were part of the development. They will also be able to take some time to look at the works created by many artists and notice the changes which happened over time. In addition to this, the children will get the opportunity to imitate or create new individual pieces based on the works of the artists, using similar techniques and mediums to create pieces of artwork. They will learn about the similarities and differences between artist's approaches and how this has changed over time.

### Science

In science lessons we will be learning about Light. Children will explore how light is created, how it can be manipulated and what effect this has on our daily lives. 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.

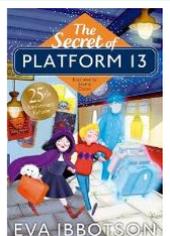
<https://ttrockstars.com/>



### English

In English this half-term children will be reading *Secret of Platform 13* by Eva Ibbotson. For the whole half-term children will be focusing on writing to entertain.

They will be building on previous knowledge of description of character and setting, and will use film clips to have a go at predicting what will happen next, they will also plan and write their own story based on the ideas they gain from their work. Throughout this half term we will be focusing on using sentences, paragraphs, tenses and punctuation correctly.



### Class cover

Thurs PM: Mrs Halmshaw and Mrs Cook (Until further notice)

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Spelling Shed/Have evidence in their Spelling Homework books.** 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).

The children will be able to work towards certificates at **Bronze, Silver and Gold** levels with regard to their multiplication facts. Each week the children will choose a focus themselves to work on. The certificates work as follows:

**Bronze** - Know all facts up to 12 x 12 in order and be able to recite them.

**Silver** - Know all facts up to 12 x 12 in any order and be able to recite them.

**Gold** - Know all facts up to 12 x 12 in any order and related division facts and be able to recite them.

<b>Time Day</b>	<b>8:55 – 9:00</b>	<b>9:00 – 9:20</b>	<b>9:20 – 10:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		<b>11:00 – 11:20</b>	<b>11:20 – 12:15</b>	<b>LUNC H</b>	<b>1:15 – 3:15</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>SPELLINGS</b>	<b>MATHS</b>	<b>BREAKTIME</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY</b>	<b>VCOP/ GRAMMAR</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>		<b>GUIDED READING</b>	<b>FRENCH</b>	<b>PSHE</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>			<b>MATHS</b>			<b>VCOP/ GRAMMAR</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>		<b>PE</b>		<b>COMPUTING</b>	
<b>Wed</b>		<b>Singing Assembly</b>	<b>MATHS</b>		<b>SPELLINGS</b>	<b>VCOP/ GRAMMAR</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>		<b>GUIDED READING</b>	<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>		<b>MATHS (until 10:15)</b>		<b>SWIMMING</b>					<b>GUIDED READING</b>		<b>ENGLISH</b>	
<b>Friday</b>		<b>SPELLINGS</b>	<b>MATHS</b>		<b>BREAKTIME</b>	<b>VCOP/ GRAMMAR</b>	<b>ENGLISH</b>		<b>TOPIC</b>		<b>Assembly</b>	