

Panther Class Newsletter

Welcome back to your first term in Panther Class at Sunnyfields! (I know, it's strange for me too!) I hope you are as excited as me, to start learning and working together this year.

PE will take place on a Monday and Wednesday. However, Year 5 children will be going out swimming on a Monday afternoon so rather than bringing their PE kit, children will need to bring their swimming bags on a Monday. I would really appreciate it if your child brings both their outdoor and indoor kit on these days to be prepared for all weather conditions. We will try and do outdoor PE as much as possible; however it does depend on the weather.

During this half term, our topic will be all about the Vikings. A lot of our literacy work has been linked to our topic looking at the book 'How to train your dragon.' If you have a copy of this book at home, please allow your child to bring this in as we will be using it in guided reading but also as our class story.

We will be looking into waterproofing objects in Science and how Vikings might have used this information for their long boats which we will be creating in our Art sessions.

During our Numeracy sessions, our first focus is on number and place value and numeracy homework will be set each week which will look into aspects that we have covered during the week in lessons. **This will be expected to be completed by FRIDAY MORNING so that new homework can be given out on the same FRIDAY AFTERNOON. Spellings will also be given out on a FRIDAY AFTERNOON. Their spelling test will be on a THURSDAY.** If children lose their spellings, they can be found on the display board outside of the classroom.

During our morning sessions, we will start with a guided reading session. On a THURSDAY children are allowed to bring a book/comic/newspaper of their choice for a 'Reading for pleasure' session.

Creative Homework booklets will be very similar to those you received in previous years. These are tasks/activities that will be set at the beginning of each half term. These activities are NOT COMPULSARY but are a great way of showing a child's independence and creativity at home.

I appreciate any support you may give to your child at home as this has proven to be very valuable in their learning. Regular times- table practise (up to x12) and reading should also take place alongside the activities in the homework booklet. If you could write when your child has done this in their planner, I would really appreciate it. Also, if a child reads 3 times at home, they will receive a star to add to their ongoing star chart in school.

Thank you,

Miss E Smith, Miss L Herring and Miss R Burn.

