



Cheetahs' and Panther's Class Newsletter Spring Term 2018



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a truly wonderful Christmas! We have had a fantastic start to the New Year; coming back to school full of enthusiasm, smiling faces and a superb 'ready to learn' attitude!

Please find attached to this letter an updated copy of our KS2 timetable.

What we will be learning this term?

Our main topic this term is 'A Passport to Europe'. The children will take a trip across the English Channel and discover the continent of Europe. Not only will they will discover some fascinating facts about Europe, find out the names, locations and features of European countries and capitals, but they will also explore areas of human and physical geography, from population and culture to mountains and rivers

Our R.E lessons this term:

Cheetahs will focus on Judaism and Islam. They will be thinking about and exploring the questions:

What do Jews learn about the Covenant from the story of Abraham?

What can we learn about Ibadah from the daily lives of Muslims?

Panthers will be focusing on Christianity; exploring the key question: *Why is it important for Christians that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit?*

What you can do at home?

- **Reading** - It is expected that the children read at home at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded in the school planner. This is part of their homework requirements. For children to earn their reading miles a parent's signature is required even if they have read independently or with a sibling.
- **Spelling** - Children will be given a set of words linked to a specific spelling rule to practise at home. They will complete a series of activities based on the spelling rule at school including an assessment task every 4 weeks.
- **Home Learning** - children will be set a maths or English task each week which must be completed. Each term there will also be a big 'project' style home learning task which will allow the children to really express themselves and their creativity!

Any problems with homework need to be addressed as quickly as possible, so please come and speak to us the moment issues begin to arise.

*Please note children will use break and/or lunch time play to complete unfinished homework if necessary.

PE

P.E. lessons for *Cheetahs* will take place on a Tuesday and Friday. *Panthers* will have P.E on a Tuesday (swimming) and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit, including both indoor and outdoor kits. The details for these can be found in your school brochure. If children have pierced ears, studs **MUST** be removed before PE. Children need **BOTH** trainers and plimsolls in school.

KS2 Home-school planners/diaries

Please ensure planners are checked and updated regularly at home. Every Friday the children will complete their weekly review and this will then be signed by the teacher. We ask that parents also read and sign this review.

Snack time

Snack time was very successful last term so we are going to continue with it. If you would like your child to have a school snack please pay £2 for the whole term by Friday 11th January.

Kind Regards

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