

Computing

- Listen to and describe music.
- Create music using Chrome Music Lab.
- Use tools to alter notes, rhythm, instruments and tempo.

PSHE

- This half term the theme is dreams and goals.
- We will think about our learning strengths and how we co-operate with others.

Happy New Year!
**Welcome back, I hope you
are well rested and ready for
the new term.**



Science

- Our next topic is Growth and Survival.
- Identifying and naming the offspring of different animals.
- Sequencing animal lifecycles.
- Carry out comparative tests.
- Recognising what is need for survival.
- Take accurate measurements.

English

- Comparing different versions of the same story.
- Writing stories and recounts.
- Developing fluency in reading through echo reading and using a story telling voice.
- Applying phonics to spelling and learning new spelling patterns.
- Beginning to learn how letters are joined.
Continuing to practise correct letter formation.

Music

- Playing high and low sounds
- Identifying tuned and untuned instruments

Art

- Drawing buildings and looking at architecture
- Creating imaginary cities
- Using colour mixing skills.

PE

- In Dance we will be telling stories through movement.
- Improving our fitness through fitness activities and running.
- Games will involve developing ball skills to throw and receive a ball and aim at a target. We will be playing team games.

Maths

- Number and place value will continue to be a focus of our daily fluency sessions.
- Continue to build confidence in using mental strategies to add and subtract including using known facts such as number bonds and regrouping numbers.
- Develop understanding of multiplication and division as grouping and sharing.
- Presenting information in tally charts and pictograms.

History

- Learning about famous events and the impact they had on people and places at the time – The Fire of London.
- Using written sources to gather information about the past.
- Write historical recounts.

RE

- Learning about religious leaders.
- Why God is important to some people
- Asking big questions

PE lessons will be on Wednesday and Thursday although the children need to have their PE kit in school all week as the lessons may change.

Lesson will take place OUTSIDE whatever the weather so it is essential that children should have navy jogging bottoms, a navy sweatshirt and trainers to wear for outdoor PE.

Earrings should either be removed or covered with micropore tape.

Tapestry

We will continue to use Tapestry to keep you informed of what we are learning in class and ideas for activities you can do at home. I will also use this to give out any notices so please do check regularly. I aim to add an update every Friday.

Reading

Children should now bring their bags to school **everyday**, with their reading book and reading record. There are lots of opportunities during the week to read to an adult. We may change reading books when we hear the children read or the is the opportunities to change books on Fridays.

Please ensure you are writing in the reading records at least 3 times a week to show what reading has been done at home. This does not have to be solely the school reading books.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or concerns either by ringing the school office or by email:

emma.waring@panshanger.herts.sch.uk



Spelling

We will continue to send home new spellings to learn on Fridays.

Maths Challenge

We will start the Year 2 Maths Challenge this term. It is designed to practise quick recall of key number facts such as addition facts and times tables. I will send home a letter detailing each step of the challenge. In the meantime these are some useful websites for practising maths facts.

<https://www.ictgames.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>