



Pankhurst - Year 5



Spring 2 Newsletter



Welcome back to school.

We hope that everybody had a lovely half term.

There is lots to look forward to, with World Book Day, Science Week and Forest School all coming up.

Mrs Wolterman, Mrs Maguire, Mrs Peace, Mrs Keetley and Miss Bingley (Team Year 5)

Our Christian Values



Our Christian values this term are: Respect and Perseverance

What are we Learning?

Our key question this half term is: What can we learn from the Maya civilisation?

In English, we will be writing fictional narratives inspired by Anthony Browne's picture book 'Gorilla'. In the second half of this half term, we will be writing non-chronological reports about Emperor penguins, to tie in with our science topic on animals.

In maths, our focus will be on fractions, decimals and percentages. Our key instant recall facts for this term are square numbers up to 12×12 and their square roots.

Our science focus will be on animals including humans, and our key scientists will be Patrick Steptoe, Robert Edwards and Jean Purdy.

We will be learning all about the Maya civilisation in our history lessons. We will also be talking about fair trade chocolate, making a link with the Global Neighbours initiative.

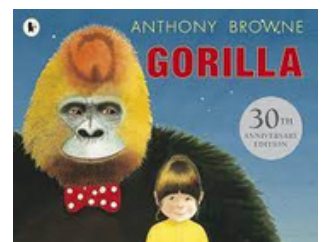
The children are already looking forward to our D&T project, as we will be making our own rekenrek abacuses.

What are we reading?

This term we will be finishing 'When the Sky Falls' by Phil Earle.



We will also be reading 'Gorilla' by Anthony Browne.



Despite being a picture book, 'Gorilla' can be understood on several levels and is sure to provoke some interesting discussion.

Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on EdShed/Spelling Shed:
- Complete 30 minutes per week on TTRockstars
- To read each day, with their school book.

There will be TTRockstars Club on Wednesday lunchtimes and Spelling Club on Friday lunchtimes to help support anyone who cannot access the apps that week.

Children may be asked to attend the clubs if they do not do the homework.

If you have lost your login details or cannot access EdShed or TTRockstars, please let us know as soon as possible.

Reminders

Monday and Thursday are our P.E. days and children need to come into school in their P.E. kits. All jewellery must be removed including earrings.

Long hair should be tied back in school.

Please send your child to school with their own water bottle each day.

Snacks at breaktime should be either fresh fruit or vegetables.



Upcoming dates



7th March - World Book Day

8th March - Friends of Kirk Fenton's curry and quiz night

15th March - Forest School

14th and 19th March - Parents evening

18th to 21st March - British Science Week

21st March - Last day of term and open classrooms at 3pm

22nd March - INSET day

Musician of the month



This half term we will be learning about and listening to music from the following artists:

February - Hans Zimmer

March - Elvis Presley



If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any member of the Year 5 team.