



# Parent leaflet Spring 1

**Class: Tigers and Panthers**

**Our topic this half term is: Crime & Punishment**

## Our learning this half term:

- **English:** The text we will be studying is *The Highwayman*, by Alfred Noyes. This classic poem, tells the story of a love story between a highwayman and Bess, the landlord's daughter. We will be exploring the language used and using those techniques to deepen our own knowledge. We will be using inference, prediction, storyboarding, role play, story writing and discussion to enhance our understanding of the text.
- **Maths:** Multiplication and division and fractions— Multiplication and division are two of the most important elements of maths learning for Year 5 children. As skills, they have many practical uses - from paying for shopping to telling the time. And mastering those skills will enable your child to tackle a wide range of other maths topics, including fractions, percentages and algebra.
- **Topic:** Crime and punishment. Our focus will be on crime and punishment throughout time and across different countries. We will look at how the definition of crime has shifted over time and how different cultures punish and deal with crime.

## Ongoing learning:

- Daily independent reading
- Using joined, cursive handwriting.
- Weekly spellings available on Spelling Shed.
- Quick recall of timetables.

## Key dates or things to remember:

- Tigers will have PE on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Panthers will have PE on a Thursday and Friday. Please come to school in PE kit on those days.
- All contact between parents and teachers should be via Class Dojo.

## Useful ways to support learning at home:

- TT Rockstars—Little and often—We suggest 5-10 minutes per day.
- Practice weekly spellings on spelling shed.
- Reading with your child or encouraging them to read independently.
- Working on the feedback given by your child's teacher via Class Dojo each week.
- Practice telling the time to the nearest minute.