

Panda class 2025/2026

Summer Newsletter

Term 5 and 6



Panda Team

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Welcome to the Summer Term of Year R!

The children have settled back into their class routine after their Easter break, and we are looking forward to working with our Pandas in their final two terms of Reception. As the weather gets warmer, please ensure you send your child to school in the morning wearing long lasting sun protection, so they should not need to reapply this themselves during the day. They will also need hats/caps to protect from the sun. We will help them to stay cool, using the shade or inside if it is too hot.

PE

In the first part of the Summer term, our PE lessons will be on a Friday, working on a range of team games to help build up collaboration with our friends. After the May/June half term, our PE day will change back to a Monday with Impact, when he will help us to prepare for Sport's Day, developing some athletic skills. Please remember – **no earrings or studs** to be worn on PE or Forest School days.

Termly Topics

This term we will be focusing on gardens and growing, to link with our class book of Errol's Garden by Cillian Hibbs. We are looking forward to our class trip to help further explore this area of learning for our children. Our role-play area is now a garden centre, so any garden themed containers, packets, boxes, fake or real flowers/plants, or any other items for us to stock in our garden centre, shop will be gladly received. We are also looking forward to planting with the children in our outside gardening area, too, along with finding out about a selection of mini-beasts and learning about various life-cycles. In Term 6, we will be moving onto a Seaside topic area – we will give you more information on this nearer the time, via Tapestry.

Home Learning

Thank you to those of you who are fully committed to supporting your children at home, in completion of home learning tasks, reading together, or even sharing what you have been up to on Tapestry. Please remember this term to support the trickier areas of writing, maths and fine motor skills (including clear letter formation and scissor skills) which I mentioned at our recent parent meetings. We will work hard in class on these, too!

Forest School

We are planning to hold Forest School on Thursday 7th May and Thursday 14th May in Term 5. More dates will be confirmed for Term 6 later in the term. Please remember to ensure that children wear long sleeved tops and trousers to protect skin – no shorts, even in the summer! The children love exploring this site, and this will help to protect them from scrapes and scratches from branches, trees and the ground.

Finally...

Thank you for the kind words in our Parental Comment book at Parent Evening last term. It was wonderful for us as a team to read such positive feedback from so many of you. We look forward to working with the Pandas in their final term.