

Panda Class
2025/2026

Autumn Newsletter
Term 1 and 2



Panda Team

Teacher- Mrs Pring
Teaching assistant -
Mrs Benton
PPA Teacher—Mrs Regan
Friday pm Term 1 and
Friday am Term 2

Welcome to Panda Class

It has been lovely getting to know our new children and family members through the home visits, a huge thank you to you all for how welcoming everyone was. We have loved settling the children into the first part of their school journey, we hope you feel the transition into school is going smoothly. We look forward to working with the children and yourselves in their first year of school

PE

This term our PE slot will be on a Friday morning, and the children come to school wearing their PE kit. Our first PE session will be **Friday 19th September**. We will be developing core strength this term, following a BEAM program which we call yoga with the children. In Term 2, PE will take place on a Monday and we will work with our specialist PE teacher, Mr Dickinson. The children will then move onto working on gymnastic skills. No earrings to be worn.

Reading Books and Routine

The children have started to choose from our Reading for Pleasure books in class. This will enable you to take part in sharing high quality and enriching books at home, and these are the books that the children make an independent choice of. We will also be sending home books linked to our phonics scheme, Little Wandle. All books will be changed every Tuesday, but please ensure that their reading folder is in school everyday. When you read at home, please remember to make a short comment or sign in the reading record so we can celebrate home reading. This could be for either or both of their books.

We encourage the children to read with you daily at home, as it is a great routine to get into. Perhaps share a book over breakfast if they are too tired after school - there is no pressure for them to read to you, but for you to enjoy sharing the book together. Once they gain confidence with their phonic skills, they will have a go at reading the words. We will send home an information sheet about Buster's Book Club in the near future .

Termly Topics

This term we will focus on All About Me, learning about ourselves, our families and our homes. We have a home corner as our class role play area both inside and outside.

In Term 2, we will have a Terrific Tales topic, looking at traditional tales and well-known childhood stories, before finding out about seasonal festivals

Clothing

Please remember to put a spare set of clothing in your child's bag, along with a plastic bag, just incase of any accidents.

Phonics Workshop

Exciting news! You are all invited to our first Parent Workshop event, on **Wednesday 1st October**. The children can also attend with you. Come round to the main office area after pick up, and we will hold the event for our Year R, 1 and 2 families.