

Panda class

Spring Newsletter
Term 3 and 4



Panda Team

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Welcome Back!

Wishing you all a very happy 2025 from the Panda teaching team! Thank you for sharing holiday news for the children to talk about via Tapestry, they loved talking about their news with their friends. We look forward to settling the children back into their school routine. From this term, the children will now be attending infant and singing assemblies on Tuesdays and Thursdays, along with the whole school celebration assembly each Friday. Remember you can send in any certificates, medals or rewards your child may have received, so they can be shared in celebration assemblies with Mr Anscombe.

PE

In the first part of the Spring term, our PE lessons will be on a Friday, working on a range of dance skills to various animal movements. The children will be exploring how animals travel, before making sequences of repeated movements to create their own dance routine. After the February half term, our PE day will change to a Monday with Mr Dickinson. Please remember no earrings or studs can be worn for PE. Thank you.

Reading Books and Home Learning

Thank you for your continued support with reading and home learning; we really do appreciate it. They will continue to have their Little Wandle phonics books in bags on a Tuesday and collected in on a Monday, their Reading for Pleasure book, and also a new library book every other Wednesday, starting from our first week back. Library books can stay at home for the fortnight if this is easier than your child having to bring it to school on a daily basis. We are still taking part in the Buster Book Club scheme as a school. Mrs Webb looks at the reading records every Thursday to count up the minutes read at home. We hope to win Buster Bear soon – keep on recording those extra minutes for us! I will continue to share home learning on a weekly basis with more information specific to what we have covered in class, along with our weekly Little Wandle home learning sheets, so you can see which sounds we are covering each week. See if they can help with shopping lists – a great way to encourage writing, even just 3 items of their choice!

Termly Topics

This term we will be creating a vet's clinic in our role-play area, for the children to find out how to look after animals.

We will continue with our animal themed learning up until the half term break, and then we will be moving onto a transport themed topic, with a change of role play area to a train station for Term 4.

Lunch Boxes

Please ensure your child has lots of nutritious items in their lunch box. No solid chocolate bars, sweets or nuts, please.

Forest School

This term, Forest School will be on Thursdays 16th and 30th January, and Thursday 13th February. I will confirm the dates for Term 4 when we return from the February break.