Panda class 2026/2027

Autumn Newsletter

Term 1 and 2



Panda Team

Teacher: Mrs Pring

Teaching assistants: Mrs Benton full time; Mrs Webb Tuesday and Wednesday

PPA Teacher: Mrs Wheeler

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 PE will usually be on a Friday morning. The children come to school wearing their PE kit. Our first PE session will be **Thursday 17th September**, as it is Dress up Green day on the Friday. We will be taking part in yoga this term with the children. In Term 2, PE will take place on a Monday and we will work with our specialist PE teacher, Mr Dickinson. **No earrings to be worn on PE or Forest School days** – dates to be confirmed at a later stage.

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 every day. 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, or even favourite books from home. The children should be reading with you for 10 minutes each day at home. 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 Night Time topic, looking at the changes that happen at night time, along with a range of bedtime stories and seasonal festivals.

Clothing

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

Phonics Learning

We will be starting to use the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised Phonics Program with our Pandas. They will soon be able to tell you all about segmenting and blending. We will share more information about this coverage in our weekly class letter.