



Dear Panda Class children, parents, and carers,

Welcome back to Term 5! We hope you have all had a wonderful break. We have lots of exciting experiences planned for this term. Our learning journey will take us "around the world" as we explore different continents, habitats, animals and cultures. Alongside this, we will continue developing our skills in maths, reading and writing, as well as learning through play together.

Important dates

Trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm – 14th May.
Open Class- 22nd May 2.45pm

Learning this term

Our key question this term is "Where can we go?" This gives us a wonderful opportunity to learn about the world and spark the children's curiosity about different cultures, animals, and habitats across the continents.

We would love to hear about your home countries, traditions, and experiences. If you would be interested in coming in to talk to the children, please do get in touch. You are also very welcome to share stories about a special holiday or trip you've enjoyed with your family.

We will be looking at a range of books over the term including:



(Please see our topic web on the school website for more information).

Class Expectations

- We are continuing to practice our Redfield Way this year, and will always aim to be kind, safe and ready. We are so excited to share and celebrate our achievements, both in school and at home.
- We won't have a designated 'show and tell' time in class, but if you have an achievement or piece of learning from out of school that you are excited to share, we would love to see it – you can bring it in or send a picture/video on Class Dojo to share in class.
- Please **don't bring in toys** or stationery from home – we have lots in school and it can be upsetting if special possessions get lost or broken.

PE

Our PE days are Wednesday. Please, ensure children come to school on those days wearing clothing and suitable footwear.

Adults in the class

Every Wednesday, Radha (am) and Leah (pm) will be teaching in the class, as Sara has allocated time for planning.

Reading

It has been fantastic to see that the children are reading at home with their adults or siblings. Reading at home can have a huge effect on children's progress, as well as encouraging them to read for pleasure. Please record it in your child's reading record, this can simply be a tick.

At school, children are reading their books daily independently after lunch and then on a 1:1 with an adult. Please, make sure that your child **brings in the book bag with the book in every day to school**. Unfortunately, we won't be able to swap the book if you don't bring in the previous one.

We are so proud of their progress! I am sure it must feel exciting to hear them read!

Things to bring in each day

Please ensure that your child brings the following to school every day:

- **School book bag, containing reading book, reading record and phonics sounds folder**
- **A named water bottle** (water only, not squash or fizzy drinks)
- **Named waterproof coat.**
- **Named wellies**
- **A spare set of clothes (including underwear)**
- **As the weather is becoming warmer and sunnier, please ensure your child brings a sun hat each day, as we spend a lot of time learning and playing outdoors.**

*If your child requires any regular medication, or has an inhaler or epi-pen, this needs to be passed to the school office, who will ask you to complete a medical form and to provide us with more detail about this, including a care plan where necessary.

Communication

- Class Dojo is the easiest way to contact us. We aim to reply to messages within 2 working days.
- **Please don't use Class Dojo for emergency messages as we cannot check them while teaching or in meetings. Continue to call the office for emergency messages.**
- We are happy to catch up for an informal chat at drop off and pick up times and we can arrange a meeting for longer conversations.
- We will send out all school messages through Class Dojo, so please let us know as soon as possible if you are having trouble accessing your account. We will also update Class Dojo with news about our learning in class and photos of the children's work.

Volunteers

We are currently learning about the world and exploring different cultures in our classroom. We would love to hear about your home countries, traditions, and experiences.

If you would be interested in coming in to talk to the children, please do get in touch. You are also very welcome to share stories about a special holiday or trip you've enjoyed with your family.

We would also like to ask if you are available on Wednesday 14th May to join us on our trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. If you are able to come along and support us, please do get in touch.

We hope this letter contains useful information for you; please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns, or if there is something specific to your child that you feel we should know.

Let's have a wonderful term!

Sara