

# Welcome to Panda and Leopard Classes



## Welcome to FS2

We hope you enjoyed your summer break. We are looking forward to working you and your child over the coming school year.

Our topic for this half term is

### 'A Splash of Colour!'

After a period of settling in, we will be learning all about colour, own and others emotions, our new environments and friends! Please see the overview sent on Class Dojo for further information.

#### Diary Dates:

26th September- European Language Day

2nd October- Poetry Day

10th October—Hello Yellow

20th October—WOW Day

24th October—Longmoor Loves Reading



We ask everybody who can to contribute 50p a week towards additional snacks and experiences. For the children.

Over the last year this money was spent on a range of things including food tasting from different cultures and baking activities.

## Maths

In maths this half-term, we will be exploring number and numerical pattern. This includes counting, subitising and exploring composition. We will be doing lots of practical activities through play to help the children's learning.

We will also undertake statutory initial maths assessments to identify how to support our children's next developmental steps.

## Literacy



We will soon be starting our phonic sessions using our whole school programme—**Sounds -Write**. This structured synthetic phonics programme is based on the science of reading. More information to follow. We will be developing your child's speaking, listening and understanding skills also a main focus in school. As this underpins all learning. We will do this through a range of individual, small group and whole class activities.

We listen to each child read at least once a week in school and ask that you read 3 times a week at home. Please log this in your child's reading diary. Both classes run a **Reading Challenge** linked to this. (More details will follow on Class Dojo.)

## Social and Emotional Development

We will be focussing on the children's emotional and social development as they settle into school, supporting them as they learn to find their way around and help them to understand school's rules.

## Understanding of the World

Our topic this half term will enable us to learn about different families. We talk about the lives of people and places that are familiar to them, as well as exploring significant places based on own experiences.

We will also explore the natural environment, and encourage your child to ask questions about their observations. We would therefore ask that a pair of named wellies are sent into school for our Welly walks - Trekking Thursday

## Physical Development

PE will be on a Wednesday for both classes. It is important that any children with earrings have these removed or covered with tape at home as we cannot do this for them in school.

The children do get changed for PE so you can help your child by encouraging them to dress and undress independently at home; practising with buttons, taking shoes on and off etc.

As your child settles into Panda and Leopard classes please do let us know if your child is finding anything about school life challenging and we will do our best to support them with this.

We want all the children to feel happy and settled.

