


Welcome to Panda and Leopard Classes Autumn 1 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to the Autumn term

We hope you enjoyed your summer break. We are looking forward to working with you and your child over the school year.
Our topic for this term is **What is a family?**



After a period of settling in, we will be learning all about ourselves, our families begin to draw on own experiences to talk about past and present

Diary Dates:

07/9/26—First day at school

WOW Day Amazing Autumn- dates to follow

23/10/26– Last day of term

Further dates will be posted on DOJO.

This half term we will be asking the questions:

Who lives in my house?
Why is my family so special?
How has my family changed?

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

Maths

In maths this half-term, we will be exploring our numeracy areas and beginning our maths teaching looking at things that match, are similar or completely different. We will be doing lots of fun and practical activities.

PSED

This half term we will be focussing on the children's emotional and social development as they settle into school. We will support them as they learn and find their way around and help them to understand our school rules.

UW

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 f our **Welly** walks on ….



Literacy

Sounds-Write FIRST RATE PHONICS

ing our phonic sessions using our new whole school programme—**Sounds - Write**. This structured synthetic phonics programme is based on the science of reading. We will be developing your child's speaking, listening and understanding skills are a main focus in school. We will do this through a range of individual, small group and whole class activities

We aim to 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.

Physical Development

PE Day - Tuesday

Wellie Walk – Thursday.

As your child settles into school please do let us know if we can help. We want all the children to feel happy and settled.

EYFS Team