



# Welcome to Gorilla and Panda 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

### "Who is in my 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:

11/9/24—First full day at school

25/9/24 -WOW Day Amazing Autumn. Meet the teacher 3:45 -4:45pm

26/9/24—Modern Foreign Language afternoon

10.10.24—Hello Yellow Day

25/10/24- Last day of term

4/11/24—INSET day

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 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.

## Literacy



We will soon be starting 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 and 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.

## Social and Emotional Development

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 to find their way around and help them to understand school's rules.

## Knowledge and 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 Wednesday** walks.

## Physical Development

Gorilla class will have their PE morning on Wednesday morning and Panda Class on a Thursday morning. On these days it is important that any children with earrings have these removed or covered with tape at home. Please encourage them to dress and undress independently at home; practising with buttons and zips, taking shoes on and off etc.



As your child settles into Panda and Gorilla 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

