

# Welcome to Panda and Gorilla Classes

## Autumn 2 2024 Newsletter!



### Welcome to Autumn Term 2

We hope you and your children have enjoyed your time together over the half term break and have had a chance to recharge your batteries.

Our topic for this half term is:

**'Why are we all the same but also different?'**

We have lots of exciting celebrations to consider this half term which we hope will be interesting and exciting for the children.

Look out for weekly Vocabulary Sheets on Class Dojo which will link to what the children are learning in school.

#### Diary Dates

WOW Day -06/11/24

Children in Need -15/11/24

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch for pupils- Dates to follow.

EYFS Nativity Performances -11th December

EYFS Christmas party- 16th December

Last day of term- 20/12/24

First day of Spring Term - 06/01/25

**\* More information will follow about the different diary dates.**



#### Maths

In maths this half-term, we will be beginning to look at number: counting in different contexts, ordering numbers and exploring different ways to make five.

#### Literacy

We will be continuing our Sounds Write phonics sessions, your child will be sent home with a reading book that is linked to the sounds we have learnt and are practising to read fluently.

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. The children absolutely love to watch their class animal climb the chart and once they have reached the top receive a book from Mrs Dainty i

#### Social and Emotional Development

This half term we will be focusing on positive play, encouraging, turn taking and sharing of resources. In addition we will be encouraging the children to negotiate to solve disagreements with increased independence.

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

Over the last half term this money was spent on a range of things including Halloween treats and apple crumble!

#### Understanding of the World

Our topic this half term will enable us to learn about different celebrations, including bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. We will be linking this into your child's own family traditions, asking the question How do you celebrate at home? We hope to use this topic to enable the children to share their own experiences as well as learning more about other people and cultures

#### Physical Development

The children enjoyed their PE lessons last half term, especially going up to the hall. 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 and zips, taking shoes on and off etc. It is currently taking quite a long time for everyone to get changed in and out of their PE Kits.

Please note we will only be having PE indoors this half term so children just need their PE T-shirt, shorts and plimsols in school. Please make sure all kit is clearly labelled.

We know that issues/worries can emerge from time to time so do let us know if there is anything worrying your child (either from home or school) so that we can support them