

# Panda Class

## September 2020

Welcome back to a new school year! It is so lovely to have everyone back in school again. The children are settling into the new class routines and getting used to all the changes. I am impressed with how well they are able to organise their own resources and how quickly they have adapted to being taught in rows. The children all seem settled, with just a few wobbles.

Please let me know of any concerns that you have and I will do the best I can to help.



## Our learning this term will be mainly about: Dragons

### Literacy—Reading and Writing:

We will continue to teach the majority of our literacy through the class projects of Dragons.

We will be looking at a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our project and we will be using this as starting point for our writing.

Over the next few weeks, in our writing we will be concentrating on:

- Reading and discussing stories. We will be reading and retelling stories about dragons.
- Comprehension. We have been watching short film clips from Pete's Dragon and using these to help us sequence and ask and answer questions about a text.
- Writing instructions. We have been looking at instructions about how to look after a pet dragon. The children are mapping and rewriting these instructions before inventing their own.

### Mathematics

In mathematics sessions we are revising number work to prepare your child for their new class. We are concentrating on:

- Number recognition
- Quick recall of number facts, such as bonds to 10 and 20
- Counting in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- Addition and subtraction.
- Multiplication and division

### Reading at Home

Although the children are not bringing home books from school at the moment, it would still be good if you could aim to read with child at least 3 times a week. Please share books from home and use this time to talk about the story; retell the story; predict what might happen next; discuss how the characters are feeling and why they are behaving in certain ways. You could read a page each or pick out words or sentences that your child can read.

Please rest assured that your child will be reading in school *every* day. This could be during daily Guided Reading and writing sessions, Sounds-Write teaching or reading individually with an adult.

### Transition to New Classes

The children have been enjoying spending some time with their new teachers and classes. So far they have spent 4 mornings in their new classes and this will continue over the next couple of weeks. The children and Miss Langley have told me how successful these sessions have been. It won't be long before they move on and forget all about me! If you are aware that your child has any worries please let me know and I will help.



### Safety in School

We have worked hard to ensure the school environment is safe for your child.

Some of the measures in place are:

- Regular handwashing. The children are supervised as they wash their hands at least 6 times throughout the day.
- Individual storage boxes for all their books and belongings.
- Each child has their own pack of stationary.
- Perspex screens have been put in between tables.
- Regular cleaning of desks, door handles, toilets etc.
- Children are kept in their 'bubbles' during playtimes and lunchtimes.