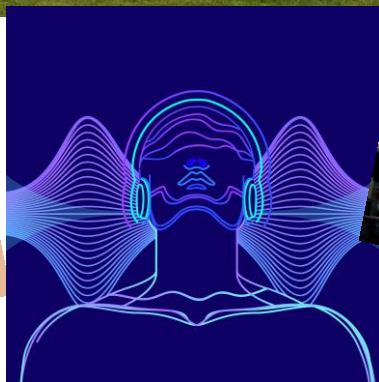


PANDA CLASS
AUTUMN
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NEWSLETTER



Dear Panda parents/carers and children,

I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and made the most of the new found freedom we have been allowed. This year seems full of positivity as a sense of normality resumes which will ultimately lead to new and exciting opportunities for your children.

I am very much looking forward to taking the children to Rock and Rapid in a couple of weeks, but that is just the start of what seems like a very busy term indeed.

This term, the children will be involved in Diversity Week, Appledore Book Festival, swimming, harvest festival, Children in Need, whole school trip to watch the pantomime at the Queen's Theatre and topped off with a Christmas production!

Listed below are some of the areas of learning that your child will be covering this term, so you will be able to discuss their learning at home.

Science

Sound and Rocks

RE

Judaism and the Creation story

Design and Technology

Textiles – linked to advent

Art

Barbara Hepworth - sculptures

Geography

Water

History

Stone Age to Iron Age

Computing

Turtle Academy and word processing

PE

Dance, swimming and football

Panda Class weekly activities

- **Reading** – Please continue to read with your child at home (at least 3 or 4 times a week from their level or free reading book but daily is preferable – especially if you know that your child needs a little more support. Of course any other reading is a bonus! Remember, your child can always choose a text on Bug Club. They will have their reading records checked weekly and may be asked to stay in for part of break if the minimum cannot be done at home. Please write a comment and sign each time you hear your child read and this will earn them extra house points and ensure both books are in your child's bag **EVERY DAY**. They will be part of a

guided reading session at least twice a week as well as reading individually – either on their own or with an adult.

- **PE** – Please can your child continue to wear their PE kit in on a Friday.
- **House Points** will be awarded to children who complete homework on time, read at home, show kindness and demonstrate good behaviour and learning skills. These will be placed in a box in the classroom so a winner can be picked each week.
- **Class Rewards** can be given to the class for special reasons. If the class collect all of them, then they will be rewarded by a special treat / activity of their choosing (within reason)

Home learning

Nearly all home learning will be undertaken online and this will take the form of maths activities, linked to their current sequence of learning, on Active Learn and Nesy Spelling. Access to a device and internet connection at home will be required. If this is a problem, please see me so that we can make alternative arrangements. I will check if the week's home learning has been completed first thing on a Monday morning.

Nesy Programme

In class, the children will access the Nesy Reading and Spelling programme daily (approx. 30 mins a week). **At home, the children will be required to complete another 20 mins – making 50mins in total.**

Some children have completed Nesy and these children will be given different tasks to complete.

The children can also access TTRockstars (a multiplication programme) from home which will really aid their mental maths recall.

Please contact the school office if you would like to talk to me about anything – however, I am usually available for a quick chat at the end of the day.

Mrs Evans – Panda Class Teacher



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