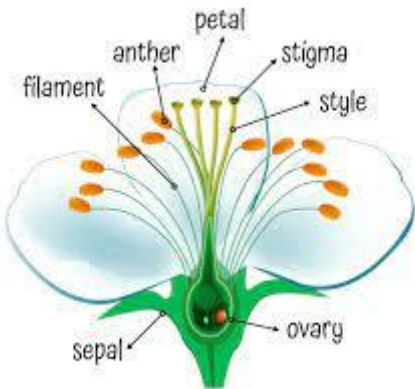


# PANDA CLASS

# SPRING

# TERM 2024

# NEWSLETTER



Dear Panda parents/carers and children,

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\* I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and you and have had an excellent start to the New Year. \*  
\* This term, there will be opportunities to join sporting festivals at GTS and to take part in the end of term Easter \*  
\* festivities – more details to follow. \*  
\* World Book Day is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and if the children would like to dress as their favourite book character, \*  
\* they are more than welcome. \*  
\* On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, we have a visit from Wonderstruck and the children will be taking part in various science \*  
\* activities throughout the day. \*  
\* I am also hoping to arrange a trip to Bodmin Railway during the early part of March as part of our history topic – \*  
\* watch this space! \*  
\* I am also looking forward to discussing your child’s progress during parent’s meetings which will be held nearer to \*  
\* the end of term. \*  
\* 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** \*  
\* Animals including humans; Plants \*  
\* **RE** \*  
\* Islam; Easter \*  
\* **Design and Technology** \*  
\* Easter biscuits \*  
\* **Art** \*  
\* Roy Lichtenstein \*  
\* **Geography** \*  
\* Volcanoes \*  
\* **History** \*  
\* Railways \*  
\* **Computing** \*  
\* Coding \*  
\* **PE** \*  
\* Swimming; Netball \*  
\* **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! They will have their reading records checked weekly (on a Monday) 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. Children also have access to books on their Boost Learning \*  
\* (Reading Planet) account and these can be read and then written in their reading books. \*  
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**PE** – Please can your child continue to wear their PE kit in on a Friday. This is their house colour t-shirt and shorts/tracksuit trousers. They should be wearing either their school jumpers or school hoodies and NO earrings.

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** - In class, the children will access the Nessy Reading and Spelling programme at least twice a week (approx. 20 mins a week). At home, the children will be required to complete another 20 mins – making 40 mins in total.

Some children have completed Nessy and these children can complete other English tasks such as:

- Learning their 3/4 statutory spellings
- Touch typing activities
- Vocabulary Ninja Words (children can ask for these)

These will need to be written in their reading records and signed by an adult when completed

### **Maths**

This will be set weekly and will usually take the form of a game on Active Learn – there will be a bronze, silver and gold level to complete. Sometimes a worksheet will need to be completed. This will be checked before Monday mornings so please make sure it is completed in good time.

The children can also access TTRockstars (a multiplication programme) from home, which will really aid their mental maths recall. Year 4 children will be undertaking the multiplication recall test in June so it would be wise to get in as much practice as possible. They can do this by going onto this website:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

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

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Panda Class Teacher



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