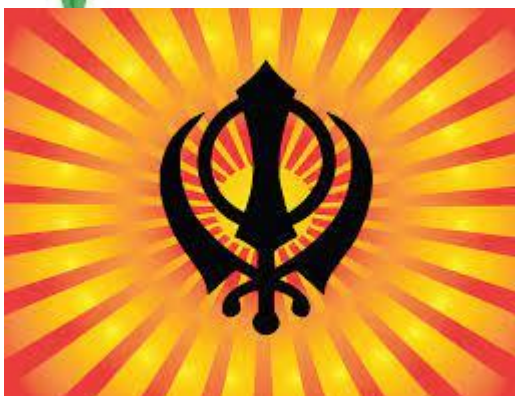
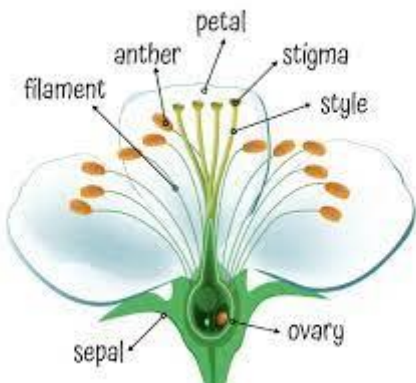
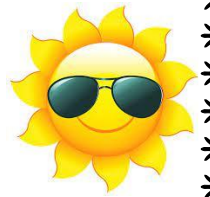


PANDA CLASS SUMMER TERM 2026 NEWSLETTER





Dear Panda parents/carers and children,

I hope you all had a great Easter and managed to get out and about, enjoying some family time and probably a lot of chocolate!

This term, there will be a couple of sporting opportunities against other local schools (more details to follow) and, of course, our annual sports day.

There will be an enrichment week during the week commencing 6th July where the children will be participating in 'Dance for Rights' and various other activities. We are also in the process of organising a whole school trip so, again, look out for more details.

In less than 2 weeks' time, Panda will be off enjoying their residential to Rock and Rapid, please keep a look out for any additional information.

Please regularly check the school newsletter for any dates and other events you need to be aware of.

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

Plants

RE

Sikhism

Design and Technology

Kites

Art

Landscapes

Geography

Our European Neighbours

History

Romans

Computing

Words and pictures

Events and actions in programmes

PE

Athletics, orienteering, rounders, cricket, team building games

Music

Recorders

French

School and home

Panda Class weekly activities

Reading – Your child will have **two** books – one will be either be a Read, Write, Inc. book or a free reading book, depending on your child's ability. The other will be a book that they can read during Drop Everything And Read (DEAR) and will be chosen by your child to aid their reading for pleasure and be kept in school. Please continue to read with your child at home (at least 3 or 4 times a week from their 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 the reading book and reading record are in your child's bag EVERY DAY.

They will be part of a guided reading session at least once a week as well as reading individually – either on their own or with an adult.

PE – Please can your child wear their PE kit in on a **Tuesday and a Wednesday**. This is their house colour t-shirt and black/navy shorts/tracksuit trousers. They should be wearing either their school jumper or school hoodie and NO earrings. If your child cannot take out their own earrings then please do it at home before school.

House Points will be awarded to children who complete homework on time, read at home and demonstrate the Shebbear Golden Rules: Be a Good Learner, Be Kind and Helpful and Be Honest and Respectful. 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 Nesy Reading and Spelling programme at least once a week (approx. 20 mins). At home, the children will be required to complete another 20 mins – making 40 mins in total in order to gain house points. We can access these totals from their accounts

Some children have completed Nesy 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)
- Writing stories or information texts

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 (please ask if you are unsure of the login details) – 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. All children should know their login details.

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 great 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 – We are usually available for a quick chat at the end of the day.

Mrs Evans & Mrs Wood - Panda Class Teachers