

The

PANDA



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EXPRESS

Term 4 (24th February - April 2026)

WE WILL BE LEARNING ABOUT...

Onset and Rime

We will be tackling Stage 3 of our phonological awareness programme, which centres on onset and rime.

Breaking spoken words into onset and rime can help children develop their segmenting and blending skills, which are central to learning phonics in Reception.



Emotional Intelligence



We will revisit emotions to help children identify, express, and regulate their emotions. By validating their feelings and offering support, we hope to empower them to express themselves authentically

and develop healthy coping mechanisms. We will talk about how to become a good friend and how to foster a culture of kindness and inclusivity.

Pencil Control

Our focus this term is pencil control and improving handwriting grip. Those who are ready will start name tracing and writing while the rest will look at controlled scribbling. We will look at using a variety of writing materials, including sand and shaving foam.



WORD BANK

This term, we are learning the following lists of vocabulary words:



Birthdays

2D Shapes

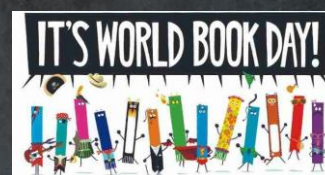


Emotions

Five Senses



Opposite Words



We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 27th February.**

On this day the children can come in dressed up as a character from their favourite book or bring in a prop related to a book they like.