

# Classroom News



**Class Name:** Pembroke

**Term:** 2 2025-2026

**Topic:** Down in the Jungle

## What we have been doing this term:

Wow – what a fantastic term we've had! We've loved diving into our '**Down in the Jungle**' topic, starting with an exciting hook: a letter from Santiago in the Brazilian rainforest. The children explored where he lives and discovered lots of jungle animals he needed us to look after. This term also marked the start of **hydro sessions**, which have been a great success. We're excited to continue these next year with even more children taking part.

We've been busy exploring the wider school environment too, with regular visits to the Norman playground, soft play, the track, the library, and more. These experiences have helped the children build confidence, learn their surroundings, and begin to self-navigate.

Cooking and food exploration have been a real highlight! A favourite moment was visiting the kitchen to make mince pies from scratch. The children carefully watched the modelling and then proudly made their own shortcrust pastry by rubbing butter into the flour.

Our **bucket sessions** continue to be a daily favourite, sparking curiosity, excitement, and engagement across all areas of learning. We were also lucky to welcome some families in at the end of term to share festive fun – we hope to enjoy more opportunities like this as the year goes on.

Unfortunately, we have said goodbye to our TA Nat this year as she goes off to work at a school closer to her home ☹️. Instead, we will be welcoming Dani who has many years of experience in the Castle school and she is so excited to work with us all in Pembroke!

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. We can't wait to see what the New Year brings! 🎄 ✨

## Some photos of us!



## Dates & Points to remember:

**Last day of term:** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

**First day back:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026