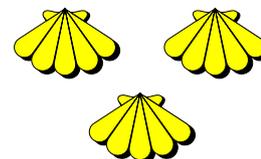


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## Spring Newsletter

### Year 1 - Orange Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

This term the children will become explorers, our main focus will be animals and humans. Identifying different types of animal's including birds, mammals, reptiles, fish and amphibians. We will also be looking at the differences and similarities in animals and their habitats. This topic will relate to art where we will start to look at pattern, texture and shape using different media. We will be looking at identifying and naming parts of the human body and understanding the senses.

In English we will be working on many different genres. To begin with we will be looking at Traditional Tales and Fairy Stories. We will then start to introduce explanation text and non-fiction books. Towards the end of term we will be looking at reports, these will be linked to our main topic.

In Maths the children will continue to practice counting with increase fluency and accuracy, forwards and backwards from 0 to 100, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Please practise these at home as they will give your child an excellent foundation for all their Maths. In Year 1 we will continue with addition and subtraction to 20. Finally towards the end of term we will start to look at shape, pattern and measurements.

We will continue to use the computer suite twice a week. During this time we will develop a variety of skills. We will work on improving our confidence when using the keyboard and mouse, logging into the computer and locating saved work.

P.E. will be still be on Monday and Tuesday. This term the children will be doing gymnastics and working on co-ordination and agility. Please ensure that your child has a royal blue T-shirt, plimsolls or trainers, navy shorts or a skort and a navy tracksuit or jogging bottoms for outside PE sessions. Please make sure your child's name is clear on all their clothing as we frequently muddle our clothes. Could you also make sure your child has spare clothes in case they have an accident during the day. Finally, I ask that the children have a waterproof coat in school if rain is forecast, or if it is raining first thing, (and a heavier coat during winter months) so that we are able to go outside if it is drizzly. They can leave the coat in school if that is more convenient.



In the morning free healthy snacks will be provided by the school, so the children will not need to bring one in with them. Please supply your child with a named water bottle. Please remind your child to take this bottle home each night to refill with fresh water.

Reading books will still be changed twice a week, on Monday and Thursday, providing the book has been read more than once, and an adult comment has been made in the reading record. Home reading is an opportunity for your child to practise reading; it is a chance for them to try adding expression and to discuss the book with you to ensure understanding in what they are reading. We would like the children to be reading 5 times a week. Please remember to sign the reading record book each time. Children can also access books on Bug Club and these can be written in their reading record. The children will continue to bring home a library book each week, these will only be changed weekly if the child returns the book.

Spellings will continue to be sent home on a Monday for the children to practice and the test will be on the following Monday. Please make sure you practice these spelling with the children on a regular basis, try different approaches from asking the children to write them down to asking them to recall the spelling out loud using letter names.

We will continue to have 'show and tell' on a Friday afternoon where the children will have a short period of time to share an item that is special to them with the rest of the class. Please make sure these items are labelled with the children's names so they can be clearly identified.

The bell will ring at 8.50am for the children to line up, please say goodbye and leave the playground before they line up. There will be adult supervision from 8.40am please feel free to leave your child after that time. We would appreciate your co-operation in encouraging the children to become independent in their personal organisation as well as learning.

If you have any concerns regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a mutually convenient time to talk. I will be on the playground most mornings where we can arrange a time, if not, you can make an appointment through the office or see me after school.

Let's have a great spring term.

**Miss Day**  
Class Teacher

