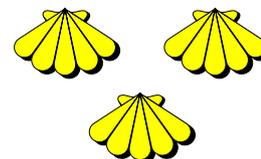


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## Spring Newsletter Year 1 - Orange Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 as well as looking at some famous explorers. We will explore the world they found. In Science our main focus will be animals and humans. We will be 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 complete a study of the work of the artist Henri Rousseau. We will be looking at identifying and naming parts of the human body and understanding the senses. Throughout the term we will continue to look at the four seasons and how they change.

In English we will be working on many different genres. We will look at stories which reflect children's own experiences. We will be expecting the children to write sentences which retell events based on personal experiences. We will also look at report writing and its structure as well as how to write instructions. There will also be lessons on poetry where the children will be reading, writing and reciting verse.

In Maths the children will continue counting to 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. We will also look at odd and even numbers and basic shapes. We will continue with our 'Maths of the Day' activities each week to.

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 now be **Tuesday and Thursday**. 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.

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.

Spellings-Children will be given a spelling rule each week rather than a set of words to learn. The children will then need to find their own words, in a variety of multi-modal texts, where their spelling rule is applied. The children then need to record their words and complete a sentence for each word to ensure their understanding. The children will share these words in class and be involved in a deeper discussion that observes familiar patterns and rules within spellings. We feel this will benefit the children to understand and apply spelling rules or patterns to a variety of words and enhance their ability to spell unknown words through using this knowledge. At the start of each year your child will be given a list of 'Common Exception Words'. These are a list of words provided by the National Curriculum that are an exception to the rules taught. Please could you help your children to gradually learn these spellings by having them displayed in your home and visiting them little and often. The class teacher will be testing the children on these words termly and discussing them in class to find ways to help them remember each spelling. Pneumonics such as 'big elephants can't always use small exits' to learn how to spell 'because', are proven most effective in helping your child learn these words.

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.

**Mrs Pavett**

Class Teacher

