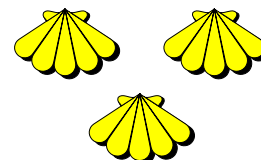


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Spring Newsletter

Year 1 - Orange Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

In English we will be working on Traditional Stories, Stories with Predictable Phrasing and Reports. The children will be looking at the differences between fiction and non-fiction. This is something you could reinforce with home readers. We will practise writing questions. We will continue to develop our phonic and high frequency word knowledge. The children will continue to regularly practise the pre-cursive and cursive letter formation in handwriting. Many of the children have become very adept at decoding words in their reading so we will now focus on summarising (beginning, middle and end), predicting, enquiry (who, what, where) and clarifying (making sense of what we read).

In Mathematics we will continue to work on number bonds that make 10 and 20. We will be looking at what each digit represents in a 2-digit number and partitioning larger 2-digit numbers into tens and units/ones. The children will continue to develop their understanding of addition and subtraction and different mental calculation strategies, for example doubling, putting the larger number first. We will also be working with money including recognising coins, finding totals and giving change from up to 20p. Please remember to allow your child the chance to play with real money and to pay with small amounts. Shape and space will include 2D and 3D shapes, symmetry, position, direction and movement. The children will also be developing their problem solving skills. We will begin to develop our understanding of analogue and digital clocks. Please practise reading and writing the time to the half hour and talk to the children about the time throughout the day, e.g. what time they go to bed.

Our topic this half term will be 'Animals including Us' and next half term will be 'Plants'. We will be thinking about how we classify different animals and which part of the world they come from. The children are allowed to bring in any books or items to do with animals this half term. We will have a topic based school trip to Hatfield Forest at the end of March.

In RE we will be exploring the idea of Belonging. We will be talking about any groups the children belong to. Please let your child bring in any uniform or badges/certificates that are related to the group they belong to.



We will 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. In particular we will be looking at researching different animals.

P.E. will be on a Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a royal blue T-shirt, plimsolls or trainers and navy shorts. The children should also have a pair of socks in their P.E. kit. Please make sure all clothes are clearly labelled as we have had some muddled clothes. On P.E. days make sure long hair is tied back and earrings are covered or removed. Please also ensure they have an outdoor P.E. kit and that it easily fits into their PE bag.

Just to remind you it is a good idea to provide your child with water in a named bottle. Please remind your child to take this bottle home each night to refill with fresh water.

The homework will remain the same. We ask the children to read at least 4 times a week. I would like to stress how important it is to read at home. The children who have been completing their reading are making fantastic progress. Don't forget to use Bug Club. Remember to write in their reading record books. They will also have weekly spellings. These are tested on their set day. Please remember to help your child practise these as they will need them for their everyday work. I will also begin to send home some Maths homework. This homework will go home on a Friday and should be returned the following Friday.

Please remember that we line up to come in just before 8.50am. If you happen to be late please sign in at the Office and they will bring your child to the classroom.

If you have any concerns regarding your child please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. 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.

I know we are going to have a fantastic term.

Yours sincerely

Miss Mallon

Class Teacher

