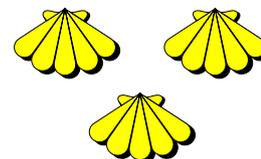


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Autumn Newsletter

Year 1 - Orange Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good holiday. I am looking forward to working together to ensure your child enjoys their time in Orange class.

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

In English we will be working on many different genres. To begin with we will be thinking about menus and Labels, Lists and Captions. After that we will be looking at Poetry. The emphasis in Year 1 will be on reading and reciting poetry. Later in the term we will practise reading, following and writing instructions. Finally, we will explore Fairy Stories and Traditional Tales. We look forward to having an author share their book with us in October and doing some activities related to Roald Dahl.

In Maths we will be learning and practising lots of new skills. We will begin by reciting and working with numbers to 10. The children will also practise 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 also practise addition and subtraction to 20. The children will begin to think about how we measure length, weight, volume and time. We will practise counting, adding and subtracting money. In Geometry we will explore shape and patterns. We will be using Singapore maths workbooks to develop maths and 'Maths of the Day' to encourage active maths.

Our first topic is called 'Where in the World'. We will begin by thinking about where our food comes from. This will include what is in our food and where in the world it grows naturally. The children will learn the names of the continents and oceans and practise finding places on a map. The theme of food will run through much of our learning in the first half of the Autumn term. Our second topic is 'Christmas and Light' and will focus on how light is represented in many religions. All our topics this year will include aspects of English, Maths, R.E., Geography, History, I.C.T., Science, D.T. and Art.

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.

P.E. will be on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has a royal blue T-shirt, plimsolls or trainers and navy shorts or a skort. 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.

The children will have 2 reading books a week. Please remember that your child should be able to read fluently 95%-100% of the book. Home reading is an opportunity for your child to practise reading rather than you trying to teach them how to read. It is a chance for them to try adding expression. Remember to ask them questions about what they have read. It is fun to talk about the illustrations in detail and try to make up a new story. We would like the children to work on their reading books 5 times a week. Please remember to sign the reading record book each time. I will also refresh Bug Club so your child can use this at home (if able). Please sign in the Reading Record book if you complete Bug Club.

In addition to reading homework your child will get some spelling homework. More information about this will go home soon.

We have toys in school for your child to play with during playtimes and would ask that they do not bring in toys from home. This will avoid any upset if the toy is lost or broken. Any items the children bring in to show must be related to what we are learning in school or something they have achieved (e.g. swimming certificate).

Children will line up on the playground at 8.50am when they hear the bell. Please say goodbye before they line up. We would appreciate your co-operation in encouraging the children to become independent in their personal organisation as well as learning. If you are late please go to the office. They will bring your child to class.

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.

I look forward to working together with you to make your son or daughter's time in Year One at High Wych a positive, happy experience.

Yours sincerely

Miss Mallon
Class Teacher

