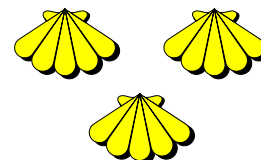


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## Spring Newsletter 2020

Year 1 - Orange Class

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. Thank you once again for your kind words and generosity. Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

This term the children will become budding gardeners and be exploring our world. In Science, our focus will be plants. We will look at the different parts of plants and the job that particular part plays in helping the plant to survive. We will look at how things grow, what they need to survive and begin to grow some fruit and vegetables of our own. The children will learn the names of many of the different plants and trees in the garden. You may like to support this by doing the same at home. 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 independently 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 verses.

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

We will continue to use the computer suite once 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, saving work and locating saved work. This term we will be looking at researching facts using the internet and looking at other ways we gather information. Using the computer with a mouse and keyboard at home would be supportive. We will be using the school iPads in lessons too.

P.E. will now be **Tuesday and Wednesday**. This term the children will be doing gymnastics and working on co-ordination and agility. We are delighted to be having some visiting specialists who will be taking sessions with the children during the term. This will mean a change of sessions some weeks. 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 the children frequently muddle their clothes. 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. Thank you for sending in wellies this will mean we can get outside on some of the wetter days.

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

Reading books will 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 a great 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. We will change library books on a Friday from now on.

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 the year, your child was given a list of 'Common Exception Words'. These are a list of words provided by the National Curriculum. They are a list of words that have an exception to the rules taught. Please could you help your child to gradually learn these spellings by having them displayed in your home and visiting them little and often. We will continue to test 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.

We will continue to allow the children to come into class at 8:40am. We have found this to be a positive way to start the day. We would appreciate your co-operation in encouraging the children to become independent in their personal organisation as well as in their learning.

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange a mutually convenient time to talk. You can make an appointment through the office or see me after school.

Looking forward to us having a great spring term together.

**Mrs Pavett**  
Class Teacher

