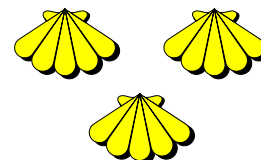


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Summer Newsletter 2019

Year 1 - Orange Class

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the beautiful weather. Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

This term the children will become **Time Travellers**, our main focus for the first part of the term will be exploring the past, we will look at old London and how things have changed. We will explore different buildings including castles, looking at why they were built and how they were used years ago. In DT we will be designing and making a castle of our own. The second part of the term we will be looking at Space and finding out about explorers of Space. Science will be an important topic this term as we start to look at the parts of plants and the job that particular part plays in helping the plant survive. We will look at how things grow, what they need to survive and begin to grow some fruit and vegetables of our own.

In English we will be working on different genres. We will continue to explore Traditional Tales and Fairy Stories as these related nicely to our topic this term. We will then continue to explore non-fiction books linked to our topic on Space, thinking about the layout and how they are written. Towards the end of the term we will again look at poetry linked to our topics.

This term in Maths we will start to look at multiplication and division, fractions half and quarters of shapes and amounts, money and time, focusing on o'clock and half past. Please encourage the children to continue to practice counting with increase fluency and accuracy, forwards and backwards from 0 to 100, counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, as this will give your child an excellent foundation for all their Maths.

We will continue to develop the children's understanding and use of their phonics. We will be completing the Phonics screening during the second half of the term. I'm sure you are aware of how supporting the children with their phonics knowledge at home helps them to become more confident when using them in school.

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 continue to be on a Tuesday and Thursday. This term the children will be taking part in multi-skills and team games. Please ensure that your child has a royal blue T-shirt, plimsolls or trainers, navy shorts or a skirt. Please make sure your child's name is clear on all their clothing as we frequently muddle our clothes.

We will have a school trip to Skreens Park to participate in PE activities in the second half of the Summer term and of course our school Sports day. Keep a look out for dates in the newsletters.

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 containing only water. 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.

As the weather improves your child will not always need a coat, however, please make sure that they have a waterproof in their bag or on their peg 'just in case'. Please remember to send in a blue sun hat and apply sunscreen before school on hot days.

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 summer term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Pavett
Class Teacher

