

Orange Class - Year 2

Newsletter

Summer Term 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break. Please take the time to read over our class newsletter which will inform you of our new topics and some of the routines in class and around the school.

Reading

Regular reading continues to be of great importance. Children will be heard reading regularly in school both independently and as part of a group. We also encourage all children to read at home **for 15 minutes**



each day under the supervision of an adult.

There are a great number of children who have been reading every day. However some children are still not being heard regularly enough. Please read a minimum of 3 times a week.

Thank you for using the comprehension book mark. This will continue to be of great importance as it allows the children to orally answer comprehension questions similar to those that will appear in our reading SAT test. Please ask a range of the questions each time you read with your child and ensure you do ask questions from each dog section.

As you know it is important that children can read and understand the text before they can move onto the next reading level.

Please continue to sign the reading record when you have heard your child read. Children are

expected to have their reading record, current reading book and book bag in school each day. We will continue to change the books on a daily basis.

Many thanks to our fantastic volunteers who help with this job every week. It is very much appreciated.

P.E.

These lessons will to be every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is labelled with their name if you have bought anything new.



Water Bottles



Please provide your child with a named water bottle which can be kept in the classroom for drinking from during the school day. This is particularly important during the summer term where our classroom gets very hot.

Home Learning



Home learning tasks and spelling books will continue to be sent home every Thursday and will be due in on the following Monday. All home learning activities will follow on from, or help prepare for lessons at school.

All children are expected to complete the home learning task and practice their spellings to the

best of their ability. Each week a log is kept whether children hand in home learning.

If it is felt that your child is not completing homework on a regular basis they will be sent to lunch club to complete it.

The new curriculum expects every child in year 2 to know the 2, 5 and 10 times tables by the end of the year. Some children have already achieved this and have moved on to learning division facts and the 3 x table etc. Please support your child in this and encourage them to practise their times tables at home regularly.

Hats and sun cream

As the weather is warming up, we will be spending more time outside during outdoor learning and in PE. Please send your child to school with sun cream on and provide them with a labelled sunhat to protect their skin and eyes from the sun.

Summer Term Learning

Our theme for our first topic is 'How does your garden grow' and much of the curriculum will link to this. In the second half term our topic is 'Has the beach changed over time?' where we will explore toys and the history of the beach. In literacy we will explore a number of traditional fairy tales through sequencing, drama and storytelling.

Key Diary Dates

We have our **class assembly** on Thursday 7th June.

We have also planned a class trip to **Painshill Park** on Wednesday 23rd May 2018.

At the end of term, we will also have a beach day. A letter will come out nearer to time to give you more details about this including the date.

Here is a flavour of what we hope to cover this term:

English – a narrative unit on traditional tales, letters and instructions about animals and also poetry about the beach. We will explore the Power of reading books 'Emperors Egg' and 'The Storm Whale'

Maths – number and place value, money, multiplication and division, times tables and time, fractions, geometry and measure.

Science – Our science topic will be 'Plants' where the children will find out about plants growing from seeds and bulbs. They will plant a variety of flowers, fruit and vegetables and observe them growing.

I.C.T. –keyboard recognition and floor turtle work.

Geography – we will identify hot and cold countries in relation to the equator.

History – we will explore changes in living memory based on the beach.

Art– to draw with increased detail and to print flowers.

Music – to compose and play instruments when given a stimulus e.g. a storm.

Spanish – taught by a specialist teacher.

R.E. – Our RE topic this term is 'What is important for a Muslim child?' here we will learn about Islam.

Please do feel free to catch us at the end of the day or make an appointment if you have any concerns or questions at all.

Thank you for your support!

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