



Orange Class – Summer Term Newsletter 2019

Dear Year 5 parents, carers and children,

Welcome back to the new term! I hope that you all had a lovely break and a chance to relax. The children have really enjoyed our whole school theme week, 'Express Yourself' where they have taken part in a range of different art and wellbeing based activities. We are all looking forward to our trip to Kew Gardens next week and hoping for some good weather! We have a busy and enjoyable final term ahead, so here is some key information about the learning topics and events we have to look forward to.

Curriculum focus

This term our main topic is geography and history based, entitled 'Journeys'. We will explore journeys made by significant people, with a particular focus on Ernest Shackleton and the Endurance expedition across Antarctica. We will also consider journeys made during the Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle for the kingdom of England. Please see the curriculum overview attached. Please do come and speak to us if you have any books or resources which may support our learning in this area.

Maths

This half term our maths focus areas are: problem solving using percentages, formal strategies for multiplication and division and identifying unknown angles. After half term we will explore: strategies for multiplication and division, solving problems with all four operations, 3D and 2D shapes and statistics.

English

This half term we will produce a range of different fiction and non-fiction writing outcomes based on the book 'Shackleton's Journey' by William Grill. After half term we will explore a chosen text, writing in the style of the author to complete their own version.

PE

PE lessons this term will be on **Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons**. However, with the warmer weather approaching we may sometimes want to go out on alternative days. Therefore it is important that the children have a **full** PE kit with them every day, including trainers for outdoor PE work. Children with long hair must remember to bring a hair tie. Children should not wear any jewellery on PE days (including earrings). Please encourage your child to remember to bring their PE kit home to be washed at the end of the week and return this the following Monday. **Sports Day will take place on Tuesday 2nd July.**

Homework

Each week the children will need to complete the following homework:

Reading for pleasure - on a daily basis, ideally for at least 10 minutes per day. This will really support the pupils to gain confidence in both their reading and writing. Pupils should update their Reading Records regularly. These will be checked in class on a weekly basis.

Spelling – the children will have a list of spellings to practise each week, linked to our weekly spelling pattern. These words will be tested through a dictation in class the following week.

Maths – a weekly task which will usually include work on number facts, times tables and calculations. Homework will be **sent home on Thursday** and **must be returned on Monday**. It is really important that homework tasks are completed to the children's best ability each week and handed in on time. Please feel free to ask if you have any questions regarding the homework arrangements, the work that has been set or for support in selecting suitably challenging and enjoyable reading books. Children are warmly welcomed to visit the new school library to change their books before school from 8:30 am and after school until 4:00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and until 3:00 pm on Thursdays.



PSHCE

An important part of our curriculum is PSHCE (Personal, Emotional, Social and Citizenship Education), which supports children's development in the underpinning qualities and skills that help us manage life and learning effectively. This half term's theme across the school is 'Relationships'. The children will be considering the important relationships in their lives and some of the feelings associated with these. As part of this theme the children will look at feelings of loss, and understanding what these mean. Some children may have only limited experience of loss, but others may have experienced bereavement, parental separation or divorce. For most children it will be very valuable to have an opportunity to think about these issues. For some children, though, this might be really difficult – for example if they have experienced a recent loss. Please let us know if you feel that your child will find this topic tricky. It is obviously a sensitive topic and we are happy to talk in more detail about this if you'd like to.

Year 5 and 6 Performance

Year 5 and 6 will be performing our summer show on **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th July with both performances taking place during the evening**. Ticket details and timings will follow nearer the time. We hope to see as many of you as possible in the audience! We will be sending home song lyrics and lines for the children to learn soon!

Sun Safe

As the summer approaches it is really important for the children to take some simple steps to stay sun safe. To encourage the children to develop healthy sun safe habits, please could they bring in a water bottle and sun hat each day. You may also like to make sure they have their sun protection cream on **before** they come to school each day.

I hope that this information is helpful to you, but please do come and see us at the end of the day if there is anything at all you want to discuss.

Kind regards,

Alison Rapson and the Year 5 team