



Orange Class – Spring Term Newsletter 2020

Friday 17th January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term! I hope that you all had a lovely break and a chance to relax. The children have come back rested and ready to learn.

Teaching arrangements

This term the teaching team in Y5 will continue to be Rebecca Mann as the main class teacher with Freya Browne teaching every Tuesday morning. Lorraine Kent, Anne Dunlop and Andi Yoxhall continue to support the children with their learning throughout the week.

Curriculum

Our topic this term is **'WW2'**: a history based topic focussing on the key events of WW2, life on the home front during the war and the impact of the end of the war. Further details about the curriculum coverage can be found on the curriculum overview document which is attached.

Maths

This half term our main maths focus areas are: formal written methods of short multiplication and short division, fractions, volume and capacity. After half term we will explore: percentages, shape, reflection and translation, and perimeter. We will continue to develop confidence with our times tables, number facts and calculation skills.

English

This half term we will learn how to create a persuasive piece of writing about WW2. We will be focussing on a text called "The Lion and the Unicorn" by Shirley Hughes and "The Children of the King" by Sonya Hartnett in our English and Guided Reading sessions. After half term, we will continue to link our topic learning to our English by creating some poetry based on a text called "Where the Poppies Now Grow".

PE

PE lessons will usually be on **Tuesday and Thursday afternoons**. However, these days may occasionally change and therefore it is important that the children have a full PE kit with them every day. A PE kit needs to include:

- A white T shirt or our new school PE top and tracksuit top/fleece for outside PE
- Black shorts and tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Trainers and/or plimsolls (to change into please) and socks

We will continue completing the Daily Mile each day, which is proving to be a brilliant opportunity for the children to get some daily exercise.

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. 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 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 Friday** 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.

Class Assembly

This term our class assembly will be at 9:15 am on **Thursday 12th March 2020**. This is a lovely opportunity to see what the children have been doing in class. If you have any other questions please do feel free to come and ask to meet at the end of the school day.

Kind Regards

Rebecca Mann and the Y5 team