



## Orange Class – Spring Term Newsletter 2018

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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. We have started thinking about our new PSHE theme – Going for Goals, which encourages the children to think of a personal goal they wish to work towards and identify the steps they could take to meet this. We have talked about the importance of perseverance, determination and resilience. I hope that the children will continue to work towards those goals this term!

### Topics this term

Our topic this term is **World War Two**. Further details about the curriculum coverage can be found on the topic overview document which is attached. If you have any books or other resources that might help with the children's learning in these topics feel free to send them in (but please put a family name inside books so we can make sure that they get back to you!). In English we will explore a mixture of fiction and non-fiction texts which show what life was like during world war two, using this as a source of inspiration for our writing. In Maths we will be covering a range of topics including fractions.

### PE

PE lessons will usually be on **Tuesday afternoons** 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
- Trainers and/or plimsolls (to change into please) and socks

On PE days children should not wear any jewellery (including earrings) please. 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. Please support the children with this by ensuring they have a suitable pair of trainers in school each day.

### Homework

Each week, pupils in year 5 will be given a set of weekly spellings based on a spelling rule to practise, as well as an English or maths based task. These tasks will often be linked to our topic and will sometimes provide a helpful opportunity to consolidate that weeks learning in English or maths, or to help prepare for a new area of learning. Homework will usually be given out on **Thursday to be returned on Monday** morning. Pupils in Year 5 should be spending at least 1 hour on their home learning. If your child wishes to complete homework during the week then this can be completed on paper and stuck into the book. It is really important that homework tasks are completed to the best of the child's ability and handed in each week. This will really support the children's learning. Please feel free to pop in and ask if you have any questions regarding the homework arrangements or the work that has been set.

The children should also be reading for pleasure on a daily basis, ideally for at least 10 minutes. Reading regularly will really support the children not only to become better readers, but to gain a wider vocabulary and therefore to become more confident writers. Reading records should be updated regularly – these are checked on a weekly basis. Pupils should make a note of the pages they have read and the book title (with any additional comments being optional) on at least three occasions per week. Please come and speak to me if you feel your child may need some extra support in selecting new and suitably challenging books.

### Class Assembly

This term our class assembly will be at 9:15 am on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. It would be lovely if as many of you as possible could join us for this. 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

Alison Rapson and the Y5 team