



## Orange Class – Summer Term Newsletter 2017

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. 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 based, entitled 'Around the world in 80 days'. 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.

### PE

PE lessons will continue to be on **Tuesday and Thursday 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.

### Homework

A new homework grid has been issued with a variety of cross curricular tasks. Each week the children will need to practise their spellings or Core Words, complete one task from the grid and complete a separate maths or English task (usually based on the learning in class that week). **Homework will be sent home on Thursday and should be completed and returned on Monday**. Homework club takes place at lunch time on Tuesdays, providing a quiet and calm space for the children to complete some or all of their homework for the following week. This can be a helpful way of reducing the amount of work needed to be completed at home, whilst allowing opportunities for collaborative work and use of the school computers. Please continue to encourage your child to complete all tasks to the best of their ability and ensure their homework is always handed in on time. This will really support them as they move towards year six.

### Reading for pleasure

Please also encourage your child to continue reading for pleasure, ideally for at least 10 minutes every day. This will really support the pupils to gain confidence in both their reading and writing. Pupils should be making 5 entries in their green reading records per week, which will be checked in class at least once a week. Feel free to come and speak to us if you would like some suggestions for suitably challenging and enjoyable books. Last week pupils took home a 'Book Bingo' sheet, to be completed across the term. Pupils should tick off any books they have read. It would be helpful for a parent or carer to sign underneath any books they have read. Pupils can try to tick off four books in a row, or even a full house!

### 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 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 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**