



Orange Class – Spring Term Newsletter 2019

Friday 18th January 2019

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, with an emphasis on perseverance, determination and resilience.

Teaching arrangements

This term the teaching team in Y5 will be Alison Rapson as the main class teacher with Freya Browne teaching every Tuesday morning. Lorraine Kent is the teaching assistant who continues to work with us every day.

Curriculum

Our topic this term is '**Lights, Camera, Action!**': a history based topic focussing on **the Victorians**. 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 division, fractions, volume and capacity. After half term we will explore: percentages, shape, reflection and translation, and perimeter. We will continue to have work on gaining confidence with our times tables, number facts and calculation skills.

English

This half term we will learn about mystery and suspense as a writing genre, focussing on the text 'Boy in the tower' by Polly Ho-Yen within our English and Guided Reading sessions. After half term, we will write a biographical recount based on research about a key figure from the Victorian era.

PE

PE lessons will usually be on **Monday mornings** and **Tuesday 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

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.

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 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 reading books.

Class Assembly

This term our class assembly will be at 9:15 am on **Thursday 14th 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