ORANGE CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Welcome to Orange Class! I hope you all had a fantastic summer and a well-deserved break. I am really looking forward to teaching your children.

English

In English, we will be basing our writing on different text types, including third person stories set in another culture, formal letters of application, dialogue in narrative, and balanced arguments. In our Grammar lessons we will be using conjunctions (*although, since, unless*), writing complex sentences with clauses, varying sentence openers while using commas and brackets and using consistent tense.

Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Friday, to be tested the following Friday – please support your child with practising these.

Reading

Your child will be given a book to take home, we ask that you aim to hear your child read at least five times a week, even if only for 5-10 minutes and record this in their reading record.

Maths

In maths, we will be exploring number and place value with numbers up to 1,000,000. We will be using written methods for all four operations with larger numbers, developing fluency with times tables up to 12 × 12 (quick recall is very helpful at this stage!) while applying calculation skills to multi-step word problems.

A solid understanding of times tables underpins all other areas of maths. If your child feels insecure with their times tables, please help them to practise these at home. I am happy to provide extra resources to support them in practising their times tables.

TT Rockstars

As a school, we will be using 'Times Tables Rockstars' for maths homework this year. Your child will need to use the login information they were provided with last year.

Science

In science, we will be learning about properties and changes of materials. We will be learning about different materials, their uses and their properties, as well as dissolving, separating mixtures and irreversible changes.
A knowledge organiser for 'Materials', is available on the school website, outlining the key information that will be taught this term.

Understanding the World

History

In History, we will be learning about World War 2. We will find out about the key events of World War 2, important battles, the role of women during wartime and the impact of the war on the world. We will also be taking a trip to Imperial War Museum, Duxford.

RE
Our RE lessons have a Christian focus this half-term and we will be answering the question: 'Why is the Gospel such good news for Christians?' Next half term, we will learn about Islam and answer the question: 'What does the Qur'an reveal to Muslims about Allah and his guidance?'

Art and DT
In Art, we will be learning techniques for drawing and collage, looking at the work of artists such as Gustav Klimt. In the second half of the Autumn term, we will be developing skills of sewing.

French
This term, in French, we will be learning the vocabulary and forming sentences around the theme of 'Let's visit a French town'.

Music
In Music, we will be focusing on the songs 'Happy' and 'Classroom Jazz'. We will be learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with the longs. We will listen and appraise other songs within the genre of each unit song.

Computing
In Computing, we will be developing skills for strategic online searches and coding.

PSHE
In PSHE, we will be looking at 'TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More)', which focuses on the positive qualities of a team, learning how to disagree respectfully and communicate effectively. We will also be looking at 'Be Yourself', which aims to encourage the children to develop a positive view of themselves and enable them to recognize the importance of being proud of their individuality.

PE
PE will be on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure PE kit is weather appropriate, as it will usually be outside. Please remember, long hair must be tied back and earrings must be removed. This term's focus will be tennis.

Forest School
We will be taking part in Forest School on a Friday afternoon this term, led by Mrs Oliver. The children need to come in dressed in appropriate clothing for the weather, with their school jumper.

One thing that will really help your child, which I am sure you all do already, is to engage with them daily about their learning – talk to them about what they have been learning in class, support them with their spellings and times tables, encourage them to read as much as you can and also spend time listening to them read. All this is invaluable in cementing your child's learning and inspiring a love of learning by your interest in what they know.

Finally, if you have any concerns about your child or need to speak to me, please contact me via Class Dojo or catch me in the playground. Please send any urgent messages to the School Office, as I do not always get a chance to check Class Dojo messages during the school day. Thank you for your ongoing support of your child's education.

Miss Squirrell
Class Teacher