

Orange Class Newsletter

Term 1 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope you have had a lovely summer and it has been a pleasure to meet you all over the last few days. We hope you are feeling a sense of relief that school can re-open and bring a sense of normality to your routine.

As your new class teacher, alongside Mrs Sandiford, I am looking forward to getting to know your children and support them to settle back into a school. We will be delivering a recovery curriculum to ease the children back in to the environment and new routines in a safe and positive way with their well-being at the forefront.

You will have already received important information about how the school will run this term and all of the details are on the school's website but if you feel that there is anything important that we need to know about your child to help them settle in, then please let us know via the school email or you can catch an adult at the Year 1 door.

Please see relevant information regarding your child's daily routine below:

Start time	8.50am (If you have a sibling that is dropped off before 8:50, you can drop your child off at the same time as the sibling)
Entry into school	Year 1 door – Children will leave lunchboxes and water bottles in the classroom before hanging any bags/coats on their pegs. The children will then wash their hands before sitting on the carpet.
Playtime	10:10 – 10:25 - Playground – staying in our class bubble
Lunchtime	12:10 – 12: 30 – Field - staying in our class bubble
	12:35 – 12: 55 – Hall – eating lunch in our class bubble
	1:00pm - 1:20pm – Playground – staying in our class bubble
Home time	3.20pm – Collect from the Year 1 door
PE	Year 1 PE Sessions are on Wednesdays and Fridays . Children must come into school wearing PE kit which will be worn all day. Long hair needs to be tied back. Fridays will be Forest School with Mrs Sandiford. Please can children bring in a pair of wellies with their names in and inside a plastic bag, if possible, to avoid mix up.

Miss Wood will be teaching Orange Class **Monday – Thursday**.

Mrs Sandiford will be teaching Orange Class **Fridays**.

We also have plenty of helpful adults in the room throughout the week in our class bubble.

These are some of the key differences that are in the classroom now:

Children will be advised to keep their distance when independent learning and playing. (The children have come up with some fabulous non-contact games in the playground!)

Children will be sitting facing forward as much as possible.

There will be no whole school assemblies.

Good hygiene and cleaning will take place throughout the day by the children and adults in the classroom.

Pick up/Drop off

To help with the one way system around the school, please follow the path into the Year 1 outside area via the gate on the right and then swiftly exit through Year 2's outside area. This is to help with congestion and to keep us all socially distanced and safe as much as possible. Please let me know if there are any different arrangements for your child regarding pick up with someone other than the main carer or parent in advance so we can record this in the classroom and make for an easy home time. As many of the class have previously had Mrs Sandiford in Reception, it would be helpful for Miss Wood to have information regarding pick up's so there is no confusion.

Home-School Diaries

As you are probably aware, we are not using home-school diaries for the moment. If you need to contact us please use the school email or speak to an adult at the year 1 door.

Home Learning

In addition to this newsletter you will find an overview of the topics that we will be studying this term. We would welcome any research and independent learning your child can do on the topics and would love to celebrate any homework the children have done. However, under current circumstances, please can we ask the children not to bring any work in from home. We are happy to receive the work via email or through Google Classroom to which we can present it to the class and celebrate together this way. There will be topic related termly homework/things to try at home ideas that we encourage all children to do over the year.

Topic

This term our topic is 'Being Me' alongside our whole school unit of 'Here We Are' By Oliver Jeffers. This is to work alongside our recovery curriculum to give the children pace and space to have the opportunity to be open and know their class is a safe space to be.

Phonics

Due to these unprecedented times, some children may have missed the opportunity to practise their phonics daily. Phonics is an essential part to children's educational development, we will be revisiting some previous phases of Letters and Sounds to ensure they can retrieve this learning before moving on. We have no doubt that the children will be up to speed and not 'miss out' on any learning within the first term.

Snacks/water bottles

Please can you make sure the children are bringing in a healthy snack (NO NUTS) that they can eat/**open individually**. Please try to avoid sending Oranges or anything that is tricky to peel as we need to avoid unnecessary contact. Also, can the children only have water in their bottles with their names on.

Reading

We want to encourage the children to read as much as possible at home as well as in school. The children will have 3 different books to read.

- *Phonics books*: changed **Tuesdays** with the expectation that it has been read x3 times. This is to ensure children develop their decoding skills, fluency, automaticity of reading and comprehension. (These are the books the adults will be reading with the children).
- *Picture books*: these can be changed independently in the reading area weekly.

This year children's reading records will be kept in school and in our class bubble. We encourage all children to please continue reading at home. There is a reading letter to follow this newsletter.

Finally, we look forward to a bright and fabulous year! Please do not hesitate to contact us via the school email or approach us at the Year 1 door.

Kind Regards,

Miss Wood and Mrs Sandiford

