



Orange Class Newsletter

Term 5

April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter and managed to enjoy the ever changing weather! We hope you all experienced a bit of normality this holiday too, as things are beginning to move in a positive direction.

This term our topic is Seasides Past and Present. This is going to be a wonderful topic for the children to learn.

We are going to be **historians** when researching and making comparisons about how things have changed over time at the beach.

We will become **scientists** when testing materials and their properties to see what would be the best material on a rainy day.

We will become **geologists** when identifying UK beaches and where they are on the map.

We will become **artists** when designing and building our own lighthouse using recycled materials.

Please see the Topic Web for more details about what we are getting up to this term!

English

Following our topic, our new book is called *At the Beach* by Roland Harvey. We will be using all of the 'reading hats' to explore this text. We will be writing descriptions, making inferences, writing postcards and making predictions. Additionally, we will be exploring an information text all about the seaside to create our own fact file about what exciting things you might find at the beach!

During this topic, there is usually an opportunity to take a trip to the beach, however, due to current circumstances we cannot do this. So, in true Orange Class style we will be having our own Beach WOW Day at school! This will be a truly creative day filled with super seaside activities. The children will then use their beach experience to write a detailed recount of their WOW day!

Maths

This term we will be introducing Multiplication and Division leading into Fractions. Alongside, we will be consistently embedding those key place value skills e.g. numbers bonds to 10/20 and tens and ones to give the children a sound foundation which will build on their understanding week by week.

Reading

We will be continuing to follow our Letters and Sounds scheme for phonics. We will be working on blending and segmenting alternative sounds from Phase 5 and continuously practicing those high frequency words. High frequency words (HFW) are words that children should know by sight as they are not words that need to be 'sounded out' e.g. the, go, no etc.

We strongly advise that children should be reading at home every day. This makes a huge difference to their fluency and understanding of text. ***Please can you send in your child's reading record if they have it at home.**

This term we will be introducing Guided Reading to the timetable. This is a great opportunity for adults to support children to read independently and develop their comprehension skills in a small group.

PE

Every Wednesday this term the children will be taught by a brilliant coach, cricket! This is going to be a fantastic opportunity to learn a team sport and some transferrable skills.

Fridays will continue to be a PE/Forest School slot with Mrs Sandiford.

Notes:

Beach WOW Day:

Monday 17th May 2021

Children will be allowed to wear their own summer clothes (if the weather allows it) e.g. sun hats, sun glasses, shorts and dresses! Please do not wear swim clothes.

NEEDED:

If you have any recycling tubes, please can have them for our art project! (Kitchen rolls, loo rolls, wrapping paper rolls, any rolls!)

Home time:

Please be aware that the children are not permitted to access their cloakroom until 3:10pm, due to bubble crossovers. Please try to arrive for their pick-up time which is **3:20pm**, unless they have a sibling in a different year.

Weather:

As the weather warms up, please can you make sure your child has the appropriate accessories to protect them. Sun cream will need to be applied in the morning before school or they will have to apply it themselves throughout the day as we are unable to do this for them.

Please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or socially distanced at the door if you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Miss Wood and Mrs Sandiford 😊