



Emersons Green Primary School

Term 6 - Year 1
Orange Class Newsletter

Welcome back to the final term of the year!

This term our topic is **Journeys**. We will be following a fabulous story written by Julia Donaldson called *The Snail and the Whale*.

Linked to our book, we will be diving into research about Sacagawea, a Native America explorer, and having our own voyage around Emersons Green to investigate the local area! (Details to follow over the next week) We will be putting on our geologist coats and scientist hats to investigate real snails in our classroom too!

Please see attached the Topic Web for further details about what we will be getting up to this term!

Reading

Now we are fast approaching the end of Year 1, it is vital that children are working hard to sustain their phonic knowledge. The children have made amazing progress and it is being demonstrated brilliantly in their reading and writing across the curriculum.

To continue this development, **reading at home** is vital to them. The children need to be reading every day to an adult/sibling to embed their phonic knowledge learnt at school.

We aim to hear children read as much as possible in school so it is really helpful if they have their phonics book and reading record available.

Phonic and library books will continue to be changed on a Tuesday, so please ensure your child remembers to bring them in.

Maths

This term the focus will be on revising and underpinning some key skills and applications to prepare the children for Year 2. We will be aiming for a sound knowledge of place value, addition and subtraction, geometry, time and money. This will be done through practical application and mental arithmetic opportunities.

PE

This term, PE will continue to be on a Wednesday and Friday. We will be practising races/activities for Sports Day! Please see the school newsletter regarding our pencilled in date and to stay up to date on government guidance regarding how it will be running this year.

PSHE

This term our focus will be on **RSE (Relationships and Sex Education)**. This will be covered over 5 weeks.

Week 1: Understanding the life cycles of animals and humans. Looking at how we change from baby to adult.
<i>Learning Outcome:</i> I am starting to understand the life cycles of animals and humans.
Week 2: Identifying some things about ourselves that have change and have stayed the same. What can we do now that we couldn't do as babies?
<i>Learning Outcome:</i> I can tell you some things about me that have changed and some things about me that have stayed the same.
Week 3: Respecting the changes in our own bodies and explain how we have changed since we were babies.
<i>Learning Outcome:</i> I can tell you how my body has changed since I was a baby.
Week 4: Identifying the parts of the body that make boys different to girls. Using the correct names for each private part. Understanding what parts of the body are private.
<i>Learning Outcome:</i> I can identify the parts of the body that make boys and girls different using the correct terminology.
Week 5: Understand who we can talk to if we are worried about change.
<i>Learning Outcome:</i> I understand that every time I learn something new I change a little bit.

**If you have any questions regarding this topic please do not hesitate to contact myself or the school via the office at admin@egps.org.uk to arrange a meeting/chat.*

Reminders

- Children should only be bringing in **water** in their bottles.
- Please can you ensure your child has a healthy snack or they are welcome to a piece of fruit provided by us.
- **Hot weather** - please ensure your child is coming to school with a sun hat on and wearing sun cream - we are unable to apply this for them but they can reapply themselves if needed.

I would just like to say on behalf of all of the Year 1 team, we are incredibly proud and in awe of the perseverance and determination Orange Class have shown over this last year and are looking forward to our final term together!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself via the office or at drop off/pick up for any queries or concerns.

Miss Wood ☺