



Year 1 Newsletter – Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to warmly welcome your children into Orange Class from September. I am really looking forward to seeing you again and getting to know you all throughout the Autumn term.

Our Year 1 team this year will be Mrs Mays supported by Miss McNab (Monday to Thursday) with Miss McNab also covering on a Monday afternoon during Mrs Mays' planning and preparation time. We are also lucky enough to have Miss Morgan with us until she starts her maternity leave.

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One; we will do our utmost to ensure your child's move is fully supported by gradually progressing to a more formal teaching style across the term.

Here is some important information about Orange Class:

- Everyday Essentials

Each day children should bring a **named coat**, a **water bottle**, their **reading folder** (including their **reading record**). Please note that children in Year 1 have a small locker rather than a peg and there is no space for backpacks.

Sunny Days – Children should also bring a hat and come to school wearing sun screen.

Rainy Days – Children should come to school wearing wellies but also bring their school shoes to change into.

Please also ensure that **ALL items of uniform are clearly labelled**.

Key stage 1 children are entitled to free school meals and are provided with free fruit every day at morning break time. You are welcome to bring in your own alternative fruit or vegetables, if it is in a container please label it.

- P.E.

Our PE days this term will be **Wednesday** for Makaton dance and **Friday** for NUFC PE. Children should come to school in their PE kits on both of these days, ensuring long hair is tied back and earrings are already covered or removed.

PE kit = Black shorts/leggings/joggers, plain white or house t-shirt, trainers and either a school hoodie or school jumper.

- Reading

We are excited to be starting our new **Bug Club phonics scheme** alongside our current **Bug Club digital reading scheme**.

Your child's log in details are on the front of their reading record. If you have any difficulties accessing the system, please let us know and we will help you log in.

Books are allocated to your child that correspond with the stage of their learning in phonics as well as encouraging their reading fluency. At this age, regular but short read aloud practises with an adult are the best way to build reading skills. This should be between 5 and 10 minutes each day. We also highly recommend any and all reading for pleasure alongside decoding practise using the Bug Club

digital scheme. It is not possible to read too much and fluency in reading has a very positive effect on all areas of the curriculum.

- Spellings

Next week we will teach a new spelling pattern and share a list of words that include the rule we are learning. We will also teach high frequency words which are spellings that children will need to use often and can be tricky because they do not fit our normal phonic patterns. These words need to be learned by heart and should be **practised at home as well as daily in school**. This practice can also be supported by our online spelling programme **Spelling Frame**. Again your child's log in details will be added to the front of their reading record. If you have any difficulties accessing the system, please let us know and we will help you log in.

To learn more about what Orange Class will be learning across the year, please access our class page on our school website and if you would like to speak to us about your child please do not hesitate to contact the school office or catch us at the end of the day.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Mays and Miss McNab