



Autumn 2022 Newsletter

Saffron and Tangerine Classes

Welcome to Year 1

The children have settled in beautifully into their new classes and are getting to know the staff in their classes.

Curriculum

Maths

Through games and using hands on manipulatives and drawings, we will focus on improving our reading, writing and ordering of numbers to 10 and 20 and introducing them to place value up to 10. We will also look at addition and subtraction of numbers within 10 & 20 and 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

English

We will focus on strengthening previous phonics and reading knowledge as well as investigating all the high frequency words. We will continue our Talk for Writing programme by looking at stories such as 'We're going on a Bear Hunt', 'The Gruffalo', 'Supertato' and 'Superworm' which tie in well with our topics. We will also focus on letter formation and writing sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops consistently.

Science

We will be investigating plants, trees, animals and the seasonal changes through hands on activities. We will investigate plant parts and how they grow; investigate different types of trees and leaves as well as investigating animal types (including human body parts) and life cycles.

Humanities (History & Geography)

Our first topic is 'Enchanted Woodland,' through which we will investigate our local area and discover the magic of the nature. Through the artist, Andy Goldsworthy, we will create woodland works of art and explore Alexandra Palace and Hornsey High Street to find out about how it was used in the past. We will also look at superheroes such as Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks, Florence Nightingale, Walter Tull and Harriet Tubman.

Art, Music & PE

Through music, we will learn songs about plants, animals and our world. Through art, we will explore nature and investigate the work of Andy Goldsworthy. In PE, we will play ball games and improve our ball control by throwing, catching, as well as demonstrating teamwork skills.

Religious Education

We will investigate through 'Godly Play', art, music and videos, The Creation and The Nativity Story. We will explore why God made the world, what we love about it and how we can take responsibility for looking after it. In the run up to Christmas, we will investigate the Nativity Story and the characters of the Nativity, thinking about why they are important. Through PSHE, we will discuss stories about kindness, sharing and friendship and continue to nurture their wellbeing and spirituality through play, creativity and teamwork.

Homework

Please support your child's learning at home by practising their phonic sounds and reading with them daily. You could help improve your child's writing by writing their names, their own sentences, creating stories or shopping lists. Also, you could help with your child's maths by counting objects to 20, writing and ordering the numbers to 20 (in numerals and words) and learning their number bonds to 10.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, cardigans, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls, water bottles etc.
- The children will be doing **PE** on **Tuesday** (children should come to school in their uniform) & **Thursday** (children should come to school dressed in their PE kit: black shorts or jogging bottoms, plimsolls or trainers and a plain T-shirt in their house colour).
- **PE kit** –Trainers/plimsolls, house team colour plain t-Shirt, black shorts or jogging bottoms.
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.
- We would like to remind parents that the only jewellery allowed to be worn in school are small stud earrings. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

Key dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the admin team.

- Monday 19th September: Queen Elizabeth II's funeral – school closed as a mark of respect
- Friday 23rd September: Jeans for Genes Day - please wear an item of denim with your uniform and bring £1 to help fund research into genetic disorders
- Wednesday 19th October: Harvest Festival Assembly
- Monday 24th to Friday 28th October: half term – school closed
- Monday 31st October: INSET day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 1st November: children return to school as usual

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to talk to us about, please feel free to talk to us after school, or make an appointment via the school office.

Mrs Belini and Miss Harris
Year 1 Team