



Spring 2023 Newsletter

Saffron and Tangerine Classes

Welcome back

Happy New Year and we hope that you all had an enjoyable festive break. A huge thanks for all the lovely Christmas treats.

Curriculum

Maths

Through investigations and using hands on manipulatives, we will focus on improving our reading, writing, ordering and place value of numbers to 50. We will also look at weight, height, length and volume through hands on investigations and problem solving as well as counting in 10s.

English

We will focus on strengthening our 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 Grandad's Island by Benji Davies & My Pet T-Rex by Fabi Santiago, which tie in well with our topic. We will also focus on letter formation and writing sentences using capital letters, a variety of punctuation, adjectives, plurals and suffixes.

Science

We will be investigating the human body organs and bones of the skeleton through videos and stories and linking this to RSHE topics of human life cycles, changes in me since a baby, and female and male body parts. Also, we will be comparing and classifying animals and investigating seasonal changes: Winter to Spring.

Humanities (History & Geography)

Our first topic is 'Childhood,' through which we will investigate where our family come from and how life and toys have changed through time. After half term, we will investigate the lives of dinosaurs – what they were, where they lived, and how they became extinct.

Enrichment (Art, Music & PE)

In art & DT, we will be exploring observational drawing techniques and paper sculpture via investigating many different artists. In music, we will be singing many different songs from different cultures and learning more about notes and pitch. In PE, we will be focusing on gymnastics with elements of dance.

Religious Education

We will investigate Hinduism and The Easter Story. We will explore Hindu artefacts, stories relating to their festivals, as well as Hindu gods and place of worship. We will explore the Easter story and why it is the most important Christian festival through 'Godly Play', art and videos, ensuring that our school vision, Christian values and spirituality are embedded through our learning.

Homework

Please support your child's learning at home by reading with them daily and practising their phonic sounds and high frequency words. Also, you can help improve your child's writing by writing their own sentences, creating stories or shopping lists. Please help with your child's maths by writing and ordering the numbers to 50, learning their number bonds to 10 and adding and subtracting within 50.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, cardigans, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls, water bottles etc.
- **PE:**
 - **Tuesdays** class PE – children to wear school uniform with trainers
 - **Thursdays** PE with Mr Oakley - children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers
- 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 school has a no jewellery policy and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- 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 13th to Friday 17th February: half term - school closed
- Monday 20th February: children return to school
- March: Parent Consultations - details to follow
- Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day
- Thursday 9th March: When I Grow Up Day
- Tuesday 14th March: Tangerine Class Assembly @ 9.15am
- Friday 17th March: Red Nose Day - details to follow
- Tuesday 21st March: Saffron Class Assembly @ 9.15am
- Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April: Easter holiday
- Monday 17th April: INSET day - school closed
- Tuesday 18th April: 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.

Miss Bellini and Miss Harris
Year 1 Team