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Orange Class Routines - Summer 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are in our final term of the school year and the children have continued to be very settled and productive. We are fortunate to continue to have Mrs Stamp working alongside us every day. Our whole school topic for the spring term is ~ 'Healthy body; Healthy mind'. To launch our topic, the children joined one another for a healthy breakfast at school, unfortunately I was unable to join them but I hear from Mrs Worgan that it went well, thank you to all those who arrived in school early to join in. This term we will be concentrating on healthy living, eating and exercise. We will be looking closely at planting and growing and we are all competing for tallest sun flower in our class sunflower growing competition. Our topic for the second half term is ~ 'Bon Voyage'.

The main means of communication is the homework diary, but if there is an urgent message please let the office staff know and they can pass it on in case I miss it, however I will endeavour to look at these regularly so feel free to communicate with us in the diary. Please continue to share books regularly with your children as it will support their reading development and love of books. Each child will be issued with a school reading book and will receive daily guided reading lessons along with daily phonics and literacy lessons. The title of each book and the date it's changed are recorded in the child's individual reading record which is kept in class.

We are continuing to use the highly acclaimed Read Write Inc Phonics programme, which was developed by Ruth Miskin. I will continue to occasionally send resources home for you to work on with your child to further embed their phonics learning. The resources will support the recognition, pronunciation and writing of phonemes along with word reading and writing. Read Write Inc has been very successful in Orange class and this term I will begin to send homework in support of the children's reading development. Each week this term we will be focusing on a selection of words, irregular words, which cannot be decoded using phonic skills. These words are key words for the Reception year and I know I can rely on your support in helping the children learn them.



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We are continuing to work on reading and writing numbers, like letters they need to be formed correctly and have the correct orientation. Some of us will be working on correct one to one representation when counting i.e. counting one number for one object and will be calculating practically and some of us will be recording our calculations. We are all at different stages in mathematics and our learning experiences will continue to be tailored to meet the children's individual needs.

Our usual PE day this term is Thursday with Mrs Umpleby but please keep PE kit in school all week as this may change. In Early Years Foundation Stage physical development encompasses more than sports activities therefore some 'PE' sessions may include a wider range of activities e.g. Forest School or circle games as well as sport skills.

I informed you recently of the sad news that my marriage had ended and in light of this I have decided to revert to my maiden name so I will now be Mrs Jenkinson. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking you all for your kindness and support during this difficult time, It has been very much appreciated.

The month of May is very busy and you will find that I am not in school for a few days, this is due to my moderating Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) assessment as part of the North Yorkshire EYFS moderation team. My PPA is Thursday afternoon and Mrs Umpleby will teach PE in that session, I will also continue to be working in Purple class on Friday mornings, which has been very successful in support of the children transitioning into Orange Class in September. We will endeavour as always to have regular, continuous cover in the classroom in order to continue to meet the needs of the children and support them on their learning journey and of course Mrs Stamp will always be in class in the mornings in order to support this.

We look forward to seeing you at our 'Informal open evening' on Wednesday 24th May at 3:30pm. In the meantime, if you do have any queries write a message in the homework diary; e-mail the office or catch one of us in the playground before or after school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jenkinson and Mrs Stamp,
Early Years Leader/SENCo and TA



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