

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Welcome to Orange Class! It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled into Year 1 and I have to say that they are all very eager to learn. We have had such a great week already: creating our own superhero paintings, spotting pictures with our X-Ray vision and even making potions to ward off super villains!



### Hot or Not?

This half term, we will be reading, 'Harry the Happy Mouse' and creating our own information books about animals. In Geography, we will be exploring maps and globes to find out about hot and cold places in the world, comparing the weather to Lancaster. As artists, we will also be creating clay penguins and African sunset pictures; learning how to use different shades and tones to create warm and cold colours. In Maths, we will be counting, adding and subtracting numbers to 20, using different resources to help us. As Scientists, we will be learning about the features of animals around the world and looking at what makes them special. We will be spending as much time as we can in the Wildlife area to support the children's creative learning, so please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat and gloves in school as we go out whatever the weather!

Topic vocabulary to discuss with your child:

**camouflage    equator    seasons    senses    carnivore    herbivore    omnivore**

### Reading

Every half term, we have a home reading challenge where the children work towards a prize. Reading has such a huge impact on their learning and we encourage the children to read at home at least three times a week. Please make sure you sign and date their reading diary so we can update our records at school.

### P.E.

This half term, we have PE on a Monday morning. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and they may wear suitable trainers, joggers and their school jumper over the top.

Please feel free to call the school office if you would like to speak to me or to arrange an appointment to meet me face-to-face to discuss your child's learning. Miss Newton, Miss Marsland and I are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year in supporting them to continue making good progress.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hillyer, Miss Newton and Miss Marsland