



**Last term**, we enjoyed making the most of the spring weather and getting outdoors as much as possible! In our forest school sessions, we have been excited to build dens, climb trees and explore the creatures within our school grounds. Our bird feeder creations were a huge hit with local wildlife and we were all very excited to watch them feeding on our seeds from the classroom window. As part of our geography learning, we explored the changing weather and even created our own spring showers experiment, observing how the clouds became full and the rain falls. Our singing voices have been in full swing this term, learning both our continents and water safety songs, to help us remember key facts and how to stay safe around water. One of our favourite moments was our local area walk and visit to Fairfield Park; this was part of our class reward for earning 50 Dojo's each. These were earned daily for being ready, responsible and respectful, showing our Willow Tree Way and loving learning!

**This term**, we are looking forward to getting out and about with our 'Great Outdoors' topic! We will hopefully be taking a trip up to Williamson's Park to expand our history knowledge in relation to Lancaster in the past and present, along with significant monuments found across the city. In science we will be exploring plants; what they need to grow and their structures. We hope that our plot in the school allotment will soon be full of healthy new crop, if we can be great green fingered gardeners! As part of our RE learning we will be exploring the religion of Hinduism, the children are already intrigued by the many Gods, especially Ganesha the elephant god. This term we will also be inviting you all in for an engagement evening which will be a great opportunity for you to see what we have been up to in Orange Class and support your child's learning with fun activities that link to our topic.

### Key Vocabulary

Please talk about these words at home with your child. They will learn about them in class and it really helps them to remember them and the connected ideas by sharing them with you too.

- Landmark, significant, monument, similar, different, modern, past, present, leaf, flower, blossom, petal, stem, bud, seed, roots

### Phonics Screening

The phonics screening check is taken individually by all children in Year 1 in England, and is usually taken in June. It is designed to give teachers and parent's information on how your child is progressing in phonics. It will help to identify whether your child needs additional support at this stage so that they do not fall behind in this vital early reading skill.

### Important days and dates

*Summer Term: Mrs Birdsall has now joined us in Year 1 and we are all very happy to have her as our teacher alongside Mrs Smalley. Welcome to Orange Class Mrs Birdsall!*

### Changes to PE:

This is now **Wednesday and Thursday**. We are very lucky to have Thursday's sessions run by Morecambe FC which the children really enjoy.

Please ensure children wear trainers on these days ☺ *(Ideally, we like all children to be in active uniform all week so that we are ready to get moving at any time in the week!)*

**Outdoor learning sessions are still every Tuesday.** We do have wellies in school, but if children can bring their own it really helps. Thank you