



Last term, we enjoyed making the most of the spring weather and getting outdoors as much as possible! Our highlight of the term was definitely our school trip to Blackpool Zoo. Whilst there, we loved exploring new animals and applying our new science knowledge of animal groups, diets and attributes. We got to gain hands on experience during our session and even measured ourselves against a snake skin! Our singing voices have been in full swing this term, learning both the 7 continents and water safety songs, to help us remember key facts and how to stay safe around water. Make sure you get them to tell you all about the 7 continents! In English, we were all hooked by our story of Hops-Toads and Pearls. We certainly were not expecting large, bumpy, green toads to start falling from Franchon's lips. It did make us all giggle! Finally, we enjoyed our own celebration in class, acting out the Baptism of Baby Lily (a class doll) for our recount writing, with the help of Mrs Powell, who led the celebration!

This term, we look forward to welcoming our super new teacher Mrs Berry to work alongside Mrs Smalley and the Year 1 team! Over the term we are looking forward to getting out and about with our 'Great Outdoors' topic! We will hopefully be taking a trip to Fairfield Orchard and Lancaster Castle to expand our history knowledge in relation to Lancaster in the past and present, along with significant features of castles. 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! If you have a keen passion for growing and gardening, we are looking for parent volunteers to aid our allotment (get in touch). As part of our RE learning we will be exploring the religion of Hinduism, the children are already intrigued by the may Gods, especially Ganesah 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.

- Religion, belief, significant, monument, similar, different, modern, past, present, leaf, flower, blossom, petal, stem, bud, seed, roots, nature, outdoors, camping

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. If you have any questions please see Mrs Smalley ☺

Important days and dates

Summer Term: Mrs Berry 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 Berry!

Changes to PE:

This is now **Friday**.

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 Wednesday. We do have wellies in school, but if children can bring their own it really helps. Thank you

Parent Engagement Evening: 5th May
(Weather dependent)