



Welcome to Orange Class!

A very warm welcome from the Orange Class team! We are excited for a year full of curiosity, creativity, discovery and fun. In Year 1, we value play-based learning and high-quality interactions, supporting every child's development alongside exciting discovery time within our provision. The children are very lucky to have not one, but two amazing teachers to support them achieve great things. Mrs Smalley will be with the children at the beginning of the week and Mrs Berry towards the end of the week. Plus, Mrs G., our wonderful teaching assistant, is always on hand to support. We are always here to support you and your child. If you would like to discuss anything, we are here every day — just catch us at the door!

This term, we are looking forward to...

Exploring our new classroom and outside area, this is very exciting! Next week we will start our outdoor learning sessions and are looking forward to visiting our local park to see how it changes during the different seasons. Our new classroom has been set up to give us plenty of time to learn and explore through play, building on our skills and knowledge gained in Red Class. In English, we will be exploring the wonderful story *Lost and Found*, using it to inspire our own writing and ideas. We will also become animal experts as we create our very own animal fact files and visit Blackpool Zoo!

Learning in Orange Class...

This term in Year 1, our two main themes are Discovering the Animal Kingdom and Wheels, Wings and Waves — giving our children plenty of opportunities to explore, investigate and discover the world around them.

Through our learning, children will expand their knowledge of animals and the world around them, explore their local area, discover transport through the years and learn about the importance of the railway.

Our curriculum is enriched with creative music lessons and art, where children will explore sculpture, colour mixing and printing. In science, we will investigate the human body, materials and the seasons. Through personal development, we will nurture children's physical development as well as their emotional and social skills, helping them to become confident, independent and caring learners.

Key Vocabulary

Here are some of the words we will introduce/discuss through our learning this term:

- Continents, planet, climate, groups, amphibians, reptiles, mammals, scales, respect, online, safety, friendships, warm and cool colours, transport, railways, season, weather

Phonics... is an important part of our daily routine in Year 1, with children working at their own individualised level to ensure they are supported, challenged and able to make progress at their own pace. The majority of children will be working through Phase 5, developing their knowledge of alternative sounds and spellings and becoming increasingly confident readers.

Maths at Home

Playing simple board games together, counting out up to 20+ objects (e.g. toys, cars or food) and building with different shapes (e.g. wooden blocks, Lego) or talking about the shapes you see around you will support your child's learning in mathematics.

Important Days and Dates

- **Trip to Blackpool Zoo: 14th October**
- **Outdoor Learning** will take place every Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure your child brings a pair of wellies so they can enjoy exploring outdoors whatever the weather!
- **Reading books** will be changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please remember to bring your child's reading book and reading record into school on these days.