

Dear Orange Class Parents and Families,

We are delighted to be teaching your child this academic year and are looking forward to get off to a 'flying start'. If you have any queries or concerns at any point throughout the year then please do not hesitate to contact me, I will always have time to chat no matter how big or small the issue may be via the class email orange@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Orange Class timetable

Please find attached Orange Class's timetable. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit (white t-shirt, navy or black shorts, plimsolls or trainers and tracksuit bottoms during winter months) on a **Monday and Tuesday starting this week**. With regard to long hair, this should be 'tied-up' for not only PE lessons but also within the general school day. We have also included, for your information, Year 5's Curriculum Overview for the year.

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle, preferably labelled, in school on a daily basis. Please be advised that children are only allowed water in the classroom.

Homework

Homework will be issued on a Friday and will be **due in the following Wednesday**. In accordance with Beaupré's Homework Policy, the children will receive either 30 minutes of Maths homework or 30 minutes of English homework, based on what we have been doing in class. Additionally, we will also be setting weekly spellings. Occasionally, topic related homework might be set instead, particularly over a break. For further information, please see Beaupré's Homework Policy. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic homework will be set each week electronically and can be accessed via the school website. Homework will include Reading activities accessed via Purplemash, if you have misplaced your login details please email the class email address and I can attain these for you as well as the usual daily reading requirements. Maths homework will include daily interaction of around 15-20mins on Times Table Rockstars.

Daily reading

Daily reading is fundamental to a child's reading progress so we ask that children please read, at home on a daily basis and that this is noted in reading records. It is still preferential, in Upper KS2, for children to read aloud to an adult. Children who find reading at home difficult, will be able to read to adults during the school day. Children's reading will be listened to regularly in class during guided and individual reading sessions. Please ask your child questions when they are reading to ensure their understanding. Additionally, we have added a new section to your child's reading record to allow them to record and explore new vocabulary. They will then be able to experiment with these new words in their own writing.

Spelling

Your child will be given weekly spellings to learn based on National Curriculum guidelines. A weekly spelling test will take place on a Friday. Children will be given 6 spellings that follow our 'words of the week' as well as four spellings from the Year 5/6 word list will also be provided so that your child can ensure that they know how to spell them. There will therefore be 10 spellings that your child will be tested on each week. We ask that children complete all of their spelling task in order to progress fully in this regard.

Times tables APPS

By Year 5, children are expected to know their times tables for up to 12 x 12. Beaupré has purchased a times tables app (TT Rockstars). We would encourage children to download and play on the apps at home to improve times tables and their fluency. These will also be accessed in school, where children will be encouraged to healthily compete on leader boards.

Reward system

As well as the school's housepoint system, Orange Class has an additional reading reward system. We monitor reading records daily ensuring children have read at home and had their reading record signed by an adult, at the end of the week the children who have read every day get a trip into the Orange Class treat jar!

We hope that this information is useful and we will continue to share what we are doing as a class to keep you informed. Our vision of Orange Class is for the children to show a Year 5 level of maturity with high expectations of themselves (both academically and behaviourally) and to be exceptional role models for younger children. We anticipate that the classroom will be a happy, open and welcoming learning environment, full of creative and fun learning opportunities. Parent volunteers are very welcome. If you would like to help, please contact the office to make arrangements.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Riley and Ms Heath

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Year 5 Curriculum Overview

Questions to support children's reading

Orange Class recommended reading list 2020: We do not expect parents to purchase any of the texts mentioned, they are merely recommended age appropriate texts.

The miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo

Aquila by Andrew Norriss

The factory made boy by Christine Nostingler

Laughter is an egg by John Agard

Woof! By Allan Ahlberg

A series of unfortunate events by Lemony Snicket

A scarecrow and his servant by Philip Pullman

The phoenix and the carpet by E. Nesbit

King of the forest clouds by Michael Morpurgo

The sheep pig by Dick King Smith

The clock tower ghost by Gene Kemp

The mouse and his child by Russell Hoban