



### **Last term, we enjoyed...**

learning about different animals and how we can help look after our planet. We continued to love our daily Maths lessons exploring larger numbers and more complex concepts ready for Year 1. Our visit from Shaun was certainly one of the highlights, as we got to try wheelchair basketball and show off our stunts whilst working as a team! We were also excited to visit Orange Class and meet our new teachers, Mr Miller and Mrs Smalley.

### **This term, we are looking forward to...**

exploring our new classroom and outside area, which 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 in 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. One of our favourite areas is the home corner; we have already been making tasty treats for our teachers.

### **Learning in Orange Class...**

Our learning this term will explore many areas in the run up to Christmas. In Science, we will be exploring the changing seasons, making the most of the (hopefully) dry weather and getting outside as much as possible. In Geography, we will take the opportunity to explore our local area, identifying natural and manmade features, along with understanding simple maps. In History, we will be discovering how transport has changed over time and taking an exciting train ride!

To help support your child's learning at home, you might like to try different forms of transport for trips out, such as catching the bus, taking the train, cycling or visiting the canal. You could practise drawing trains or cars with your child at home or outside.

#### **Key Vocabulary**

Talking to your child as much as possible will really support their learning and development. Here are some of the words we will introduce through our learning this term:

- Manmade, natural, feature, primary colours, warm tones, cool tones, stippling, transport, passenger, engineer, invention, weather, summer, autumn, winter, spring

### **Phonics**

Over the next few weeks, we will start to work in small, focussed groups for phonics. Once this is in place, you will be sent an information sheet in your child's communication book with everything you need to know about the phase they are working on.

#### **Reading at Home**

We love reading in Orange Class. Please check out our recent letter sent home all about it!

#### **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**

- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (am) the children will be taught by Mrs Smalley.
- Wednesday (pm), Thursday and Friday Mr Miller will teach the class.
- Local area walks and visit to the train station (date TBC).
- Outdoor learning morning each Tuesday.
- PE mornings are Monday and Friday.