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Dear Parents,

Hello and welcome to Orange Class.

The teachers in Orange Class this year will be Mrs Watts (Mon-Wed) and Mrs McLaughlin (Thurs-Fri). We are also supported by Mr Pecket, Mrs Bull and Mrs Mellor. The children have had a brilliant first week in Year 4 and we look forward to seeing what fun and hard work the year has in store for us!

Please find below some useful information that will help you and your child with their new routines.

PE: Thursday and Friday. Please ensure children have full PE kit – plain dark shorts, plain white t-shirt and trainers. Earrings must be removed or you may supply tape to cover them if this isn't possible.

Spellings: These will be brought home on Mondays and tested on Thursdays.

Times Tables/Maths skills: As part of the national curriculum all children in Year 4 are required to know, by heart, their times tables to 12x12. Each week we will be learning a different times table. Please help your child to learn their times tables by chanting them each day, asking quick fire questions and using the computer to rehearse skills.

Other ways to help your child with their maths skills are telling the time (12 hour and 24 hour) and knowing key facts, for example how many hours there are in a day, week, month, how many days there are in each month, how many weeks there are in a year etc.

Each week I will communicate, through Dojo's, which times table we are learning and which key maths skills we are concentrating on.

Maths skills check will take place on Thursday and I do expect that all children improve their score week on week.

Reading: Please encourage your child to read daily as this will enhance their literacy skills. Reading records will need to be signed before their book can be changed.

Half Termly Home Learning Tasks

Each half term your child will complete a topic based mini project chosen by them-selves. They will have four weeks to complete the task. Week five will be presentation week when all the children will have the opportunity to present their home learning to the rest of the class and celebrate their success. (More details will follow at the beginning of next week).

Thank you for your support in making this a fantastic year for your children!

