

Welcome to Orange Class 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed the break and had a restful summer. We are looking forward to working alongside you to support the children in Orange Class this year.

Firstly let us introduce ourselves. Kaya is our class teacher and Tracey, Jodie, Chloe and David are our teaching assistants and HLTA.

Kaya



Tracey



Jodie



Chloe



David

Communication

We realise how important home school links are in supporting the children. Therefore we will endeavour to share as much as we possibly can about what is happening in our school and classroom.

We will post daily updates on Class Dojo and send photographs once a week. We will also be updating our class page on the school website to showcase the children's learning. If you do not want your child's photograph to appear on the website or on Class Dojo please let us know. As a school we use Earwig as a tool to record and monitor each child's progress. As the year progresses we will be adding records and photos that relate to your child's progress. If you would like to look at Earwig and need support to log in please get in touch. If at any point you have any questions, concerns or need to share any information please do not hesitate to get in touch via Dojo or over the phone.



Wallasey site : 0151 639 3594

Pensby site: 0151 271 3599

If there are any accidents or incidents in school rest assured we will contact you over the phone on the day to inform you. If your child receives any first aid you will also receive an email notification from Medical Tracker. If we are unable to contact you over the phone we will message via Dojo asking you to call school so that we can discuss it with you. Any permission slips for trips will be sent via the Parent App as will other pertinent information. At the first parents evening we will share One Page Profiles and any Positive Support Plans relating to your child. This will allow us to collaborate and share information that is important to your child.

Curriculum

Orange Class will be following the semi-formal curriculum pathway with some elements from the formal-pathway curriculum. Each half term we will cover different subject areas which will be linked to a theme. This year we will focus on the following themes.

Themes	Autumn	Spring	Summer
1st Half Term	<i>'Happily Ever After'</i>	<i>'Ticket to Ride'</i>	<i>'Nature Detectives'</i>
2nd Half Term	<i>'Winter Fest'</i>	<i>'Artist Study'</i>	<i>Wild Card</i> (class chosen topic)

We are attaching a copy of our weekly timetable. Minor changes will be made to this each half term. This year we will be swimming every week on a Monday afternoon and during the 1st half term our PE sessions will take place on a Wednesday.

This year we will be focusing on developing self care skills through supporting the children to develop independent dressing skills as well as practicing personal hygiene such as washing our hands. As the weather turns it would be beneficial for your child to have wet weather gear in school particularly if your child likes to play in the mud! You are welcome to keep waterproofs and/or wellingtons in school for them if you have some available. It may also be useful to keep some spare clothes in your child's bag if they are likely to need them.

Home School Learning

This year we are hoping to promote independence and self-help skills in Orange Class, this will include encouraging the children to effectively follow simple instructions, transition around school, supporting emotional regulation and self care. To support this at home you could support your child to wash their hands with reduced support, dress independently or choose a snack or drink independently.

Each day we will participate Maths areas of learning such as cardinality and counting, and shape, space and measure. Again children may like to practise at these skills at home. We would of course encourage your child to practice recalling letter names and sounds along with reading. This doesn't have to be through books. Functional reading of signs in the environment, food packets, leaflets and posters is a great way of developing reading skills and having fun! In school we use Bug Club to deliver phonics and reading sessions.

Please get in touch if there is anything we can do to support you or if there is anything you feel we should know in order to support your child best.

We look forward to working with you.

Kaya, Tracey, Jodie, Chloe and David (Orange Class Team)