



Orang-utan Class
Newsletter 3 – January 2021

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic effort

Orang-Utan Class have made during Term 2! I am proud of each and every single child for taking a step outside of their comfort zone and showing some excellent independence, resilience and perseverance with their learning. We have seen some amazing writing outcomes, such as our writing based around World War II, and our Festive Writing Projects based on the Coca-Cola advert.

May I take this opportunity to wish all our Orang-Utan Class families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Whilst the Festive Season this year may seem and feel slightly different to normal, I hope you all manage to take time to be with your families and enjoy a well-earned rest and relax. The children have worked so hard on their learning this term, that a chilled-out Christmas with some family time is much deserved and needed.

In Term 3, there will be some slight changes to our timetable. We will continue to organise our day in accordance with the social distancing guidelines set out, ensuring that our pod ‘bubble’ has their own unique break and lunchtimes, as well as arrival and home time slots, but this term our PE sessions will be changing to **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.

If you have any questions or messages during your child’s time in Year Six, please feel free to e-mail me: richard.payne@ryarsh.kent.sch.uk

KEY MESSAGES:

SPELLINGS – We will be using the Year 6 Spelling Lists to practice, reinforce and test weekly. Thank you for your support in practicing at home.

READING – We are competing with other classes to have the most home reads – please keep making sure children come in with their Reading Record books; we are happy for them to record their reading in these independently, but are really working on their self-organisation skills this term in ensuring that they bring these in and share each day.

WATER BOTTLES and COATS – We have had a number of children coming in this term without water bottles. As we approach the cold and flu season, please can you ensure that your children have a bottle to keep hydrated through the day, as well as appropriate outside wear for the colder weather.

Key Areas of Study for Term 3

MATHS	Number & Place Value Revision Fractions, Decimals and Percentages Algebra	ART/DT	3D Mountain Models
		FRENCH	Ma Maison Ideale
ENGLISH	Writing in a range of genres, based around ‘Beowulf’ and ‘Shackleton’s Journey’	PSHE	Relationships: Valuing Difference
SCIENCE	Micro-Organisms	PE	Gymnastics / Dance
COMPUTING	‘We Are Advertisers’	TOPIC	Geography: Antarctica
RE	What matters most to Christians?	MUSIC	‘A New Year Carol’

Once again, many thanks for all of your support this term. Have a wonderful festive season, and see you in 2021!

Mr Payne and the Year 6 Team.