

Our topic this half-term will focus on exploring the countries and cultures of the world. We are very excited about it – please discuss with your child any places or cultures from around the world that your family has a connection

to, and encourage them to tell us all about it. If you have any questions or would like to email me, please email the address below:

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Thank you Mr Hume

Orange Class teacher

### **Writing and Reading**

Children will continue with their phonics learning. They will use sound cards to help with and use in their writing when ready to do so. They will write stories with a beginning, middle and end, using sentences with tricky words. They will begin to use full stops, finger spaces and capital letters. They will innovate familiar stories, and write character descriptions.



#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Children will discuss changes this half term. They will explore changes within themselves, from being a baby to present. They will discuss the transition from Reception to Year 1, and how to manage changes. They will take part in sports day, and be encouraged to manage feelings to do with winning and losing. They will discuss how to be good role models of behaviour to others.



#### **Gross and Fine Motor Skills**

Children will continue to develop threading, cutting, weaving and playdough skills. They will develop their drawing skills further by drawing diagonal lines, and start to draw inside lines. They will begin to draw pictures that are recognizable. They will take part in games involving races against other teams, and develop their dance skills further.

# Orange Class Learning Journey Summer 2 2025

Where in the World are we Today?



## **Expressive Arts and Design**

Children will select appropriate materials to make puppets for a puppet show. They will develop artistic skills through collage, shading (adding black), and tinting (adding white). They will mix colours as part of an underwater scene. They will learn traditional African songs and dances and will explore other countries' costumes.



## **Communication and Language**

Children will continue to learn lots of new vocabulary throughout this half term and will be encouraged to use this throughout the day. They will continue to develop talk for a range of situations and will contribute to class discussions. They will be encouraged to form their own

opinions and make comments on what has been said. They will be encouraged to speak in full sentences using conjunctions to explain their thinking.



#### Mathematics



This half term, children will be exploring money – sharing and giving change. They will be taught to recognise some common coins. They will

collect data using tally charts, and solve word problems involving data. They will explore the mass of objects, measuring mass using standard and non-standard units. They will also explore capacity and volume and measure these using standard and non-standard units.

# **Understanding the World**

Children will explore how to travel around the world, and where different transports can be found. They will use Beebots on simple maps. They will begin to make sense of their local environment and what they can do in the local area. They will explore the difference between land and water, and read and discuss non-fiction books about places and cultures around the world.



