

Reminders ...

Homework

Reading - pupils are expected to read regularly at home. It is important that school books taken home come back each day; if there are any issues with the book selected please feel free to contact me. Please indicate how many times your child is reading at home by simply signing the reading record and saying how many pages they have read. Just 10 minutes a day can have a huge impact on your child's reading. Please aim for at least 5 times per week.

Homework Menu

For each topic this term, children will receive a creative homework menu related to their topic. We are keen to stress that homework should only take up a small proportion of the evening/weekend. We will always allow plenty of time for completion of the task and are happy to extend homework deadlines where appropriate.

However, we would kindly request your support in ensuring that your child's homework is completed to a high standard and handed in on time. All tasks should be written in pencil, with care being taken over presentation and handwriting.

PE Lessons - PE will take place on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure that your child is wearing the complete kit and please get in touch if there are any issues. Children are encouraged to wear Velcro shoes if they cannot tie laces yet.

Labelling Property - Please ensure that PE kit, uniform, water bottles, book bags, etc. are named – initials on the label in marker pen are fine.

Finally, should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. If your query will require more than a few moments, at the start/end of school, please telephone the school office to arrange an appointment, so that I can make sure we are able to have a quality discussion.

Orchard Primary School

Class 2 Overview



Spring Term 2024

Classroom News ...

Welcome back! We hope that you have had an amazing Christmas and a fantastic New Year. The children have come back full of energy and excitement. The children have had the chance to recharge their batteries and they are now fully prepared for the Spring Term.

Class Dojo – Please check this regularly. I will also be using this as a way of messaging, sending reminders for events or celebrating achievements in Class 2. Please note that I endeavour to respond to messages within 48 hours. If it is important, please pass a message on to Mrs Shields or Mrs Daft at morning drop off, myself at afternoon collection time or contact the office.

Communication - School information will normally be sent to you via e-mail. Flyers or letters with slips to return may go home via the book bag, so please do check bags regularly.

Rewards - We set high standards in all aspects of school life. Your child will be expected and encouraged to work to the best of their ability. All effort is praised and rewarded with Dojo points, certificates and stickers.

DIARY DATES FOR THE NEW YEAR

- Monday 8th January – School opens & clubs start
- Friday Jan 26th January - RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch
- Monday 5th Feb - PTA Movie Night
- WB. 5th February - Children’s Mental Health Week with Dress to Express on Friday 10th Feb
- Parents’ Evening - Mon 12th 3.30-6.30pm & Thursday 15th 4.00 -6.00pm
- Tuesday 13th Feb – Safer Internet Day
- Friday 16th February - School closes for half term break
- Monday 26th February - School opens
- Thursday 1st March - World Book Day
- Thursday 7th March - PTA Mother’s Day Tea
- International Day of Maths – Thursday 14th March:
- Timestableathon & TTRS Dressing Up Day (NB: World Maths Day March 23rd)
- Friday 15th March - PTA Spring Disco
- Friday 15th March - Comic Relief Fundraiser
- Friday 22nd March - School closes

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and to all the exciting activities we have planned.

Literacy:

In English lessons we will be writing our own Non-Chronological Reports about the Titanic. We will learn about the different aspects of a report and look at how we can present the information in an informative way. We will also be using a range of ice/water poetry and we will be listening and performing our favourites, as well as writing our own.

Numeracy:

In mathematics we will be focusing on revisiting addition and subtraction and the strategies that we can use to solve a range of different problem-solving questions. We will also start learning numbers to 50. We will also cover measurement – length, height, weight and volume.

Science:

Pupils will be exploring Arctic animals and their habitats with a specific focus on polar bears. They will be gaining an understanding of why these animals are suited to these environments and how they depend on each other. We will then move on to developing an understanding of their life cycle and how they obtain their food from plants and other animals, using a food chain.

Topics (History, Geography, Music, PSHE, RE, Art, DT):

Our topic this half term is ‘Ice, Ice Baby!’. This is a history lead topic, but with strong cross curricular links to other subjects. In science, we will be focusing on the life cycles, food chains and how polar bears survive in the Arctic. In art, we will be looking at creating Inukshuk sculptures before transferring this to paper form. In music, we shall be learning all about rhythm and pulse. In geography, we shall be exploring the route that the Titanic took and the location of cold areas on a globe in relation to the equator.

After half term, we will begin our Jurassic Park topic, learning all about the different dinosaurs and where these creatures once roamed on this planet.

Computing: In computing, the children will be learning all about ‘moving a robot’. Using the bee-bots, the children will learn how to program them using buttons/instructions. They will also set routes and learn how to debug a program if something goes wrong.