

## Reminders ...

### Homework

Reading - Pupils are expected to read regularly at home. It is important that school books taken home come back each day. 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.

### 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 continue to take place on a Monday and Tuesday. Please ensure your child avoids trainers with laces if they can't tie them 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.

With the weather hopefully improving over the next term, please ensure that children have a sunhat, sunglasses and have had sun cream applied before school. Children should learn how to apply this themselves but they will be allowed to do this at lunchtime and as required.

**Finally, should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Class 2 team. 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



Summer Term 2024

## Classroom News ...

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a lovely Easter break. We hope you enjoyed eating lots of chocolate and spending time with your families.

**Class Dojo** – Please check this regularly. We will also be using this as a way of messaging, sending reminders for events or celebrating achievements in Class 2. Please note that we endeavour to respond to messages within 48 hours. If it is important, please come and speak to us at the end of the day or make an appointment with the office and we can give you a phone call. We are always happy to answer any questions that you may have.

**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 however, 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 (house) points, certificates and stickers.

## Special Events ...

### DIARY DATES FOR THE SUMMER TERM

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – House Spellathon

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Dinosaur Workshop

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – PTA rainbow bounce

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5/6 enterprise scheme

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day KS2 am/KS1 pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – PTA Father's Day breakfast

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Optional parent's evening

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – PTA summer disco

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – 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 the children will be writing instructions on How to care for a baby dinosaur! We will also end our Jurassic Park Topic by learning and performing some dinosaur poetry.

After half term, we will be researching Castle Donington and its amenities and writing our own leaflet as part of a non-fiction piece of work. Finally, we will write a recount of our walk around the local area.

**Numeracy:** This half term in mathematics we will be covering multiplication and division, followed by fractions. In the final half term, we will be learning about position and direction, place value within 100, money and time.

**Science:** This half term, we will continue to develop our understanding of animals, including dinosaurs to explain what they needed in order to survive. We will also continue to develop our understanding of things that are alive, dead or have never been alive.

After half term we will be focusing on materials and the properties that make them suitable for a range of purposes.

**Topics (History, Geography, Music, PSHE, RE, Art, DT):** Our topic this half term will continue with 'Jurassic World!'. We are working over several weeks to produce a mixed media collage with includes detailed sketches of fossils. We will also be learning lots of different dinosaur songs. The children will learn how dinosaurs became extinct and the different theories behind it. Finally, we will end Jurassic World with a special visit from a surprise visitor!

After half term we will become 'Donington Detectives' and our topic will be geography and history lead as we learn about our local area past and present.

**Computing:** In computing, we will be learning keyboard and mouse skills. As well as this, we will also be learning how to programme sprites, debug and understand algorithms (early stages of program design). This will be completed on a programme called Scratch Jr.

**PE:** Across the term, Year 1 will be learning the fundamental skills of dribbling and striking. Children will also be developing their multi-skills, incorporating practise for Sports Day too.