

## Reminders ...

**Reading** - Children are expected to read regularly at home, preferably every day but at least three times a week. We will always try to change their book twice a week, but PLEASE make sure they bring their book every day as we don't have set days for individual reading. All the children have books that they should be able to read to you, practising the skills that they have been taught in our phonic sessions to decode new words and beginning to read some words by sight. Please sign the reading diary to let us know that you have read with your child and add comments should you wish to. If you don't sign their diary, we will assume that you haven't read with them and their book won't be changed as regularly.

**PE Lessons** - PE takes place on Fridays and yoga on Tuesdays. PE kit will be sent home for a wash at the end of each half term.

**Labelling Property** – Despite frequent reminders, we still have children coming to school with unnamed possessions. Please ensure that coats, PE kit, all uniform, water bottles, lunch boxes, book bags, etc. are clearly named. If we can read the name there is a very good chance that lost items will find their way back to you. Labelling is especially important during the summer term as children frequently remove their jumpers and cardigans. During the term as the weather gets warmer, please make sure that your child has a **named** sun hat. Sun cream should be applied before children come to school, please.

**Finally, should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us. Sometimes a short Dojo message can sort out a problem very quickly. If you prefer to speak to us directly, please telephone the school office to arrange an appointment so that we can make sure we are able to have a quality discussion.**

# Orchard Primary School

## Foundation Stage Overview



Summer Term 2022

## Classroom News ...

Welcome back everyone to the Summer Term in Foundation Stage. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

**Class Dojo** - We will continue to use Class Dojo to share important school updates, post photos of special classroom activities, and to respond to messages sent by parents, so don't forget to log in regularly.

**Tapestry** – We are absolutely delighted by the parental contributions to Tapestry this year so far; it's so helpful to us to be able to get a fully rounded picture of your children. They love it when we know about things they've done at home or out and about. We hope you find it just as useful to know what your children are doing at school and see the progress they are making. If you're among the few that are logged in, but have never posted anything, please give it a go in the next few weeks. We'd love to see everyone active. At the end of the summer term, you'll be able to download your child's entire Tapestry journal as a PDF to keep as a record of their first year at school. We'll send you details of how to do this nearer the time.

**Book bags** - 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 and empty bags regularly.

**Friday awards assembly** – Just before the end of the Spring term we reinstated Friday Awards Assembly with the other children in KS1 (classes 1-4) This is the time when children may receive certificates for earning the most Dojo points during the week, for their lunchtime behaviour or being 'Leaf of the Week'. The leaf of the week is awarded to someone who has shown great use of a particular character muscle such as independence, concentration, team work, creativity or curiosity.

**Helping in School** – We're delighted to be able to welcome parents into school once more to help with activities. If you can spare an hour or two to help with reading, gardening, cooking or crafts, please let us know. This can be a regular weekly time slot or an ad-hoc arrangement.

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

This term's topic will be 'In the Garden'. We will be learning all about the plants and animals that live and grow in our gardens. Mr Macguire, our site manager, has built a vegetable patch for us, so we'll be getting started with planting very soon and harvesting later in the summer. All our literacy work will be based around 'garden' stories, beginning with Jack and the Beanstalk.

Please refer to the school website to see our topic mind maps and plans, which outline the main areas we'll be covering during the term, though we sometimes do go off on a tangent to follow the children's interests.

**Phonics** – The focus will be on making sure that every child can use all the vowel digraphs confidently and has started to read and write words with adjacent consonants, blending them for reading and segmenting them for writing. Please continue to practise the words on the blending strips stuck in their reading diaries. These word lists can be used for spelling as well as reading.

**Maths** - We'll be working on numbers beyond 20, adding and subtracting, doubling, grouping and sharing, odd and even, patterns and spatial reasoning,

### TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Jubilee Day; School closes

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May: School is closed (Jubilee Day - day in lieu)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June: School opens

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day (KS2 a.m./EYFS and KS1 p.m.)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Y5&6 Enterprise Morning (with stalls for younger children to visit)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Annual Reports sent home

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Whole school transition morning

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July: PTA Indulgence Evening

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Parent's meetings to discuss report

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July: School closes