

Reminders ...

Homework

- Reading - Pupils are expected to read regularly at home at least 5 times a week. 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. Once a week the Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant will then check how many times the children are reading and respond to any comments that you may have written. A simple signature is great – we just want to see how many times they are reading at home.
- Spellings – Pupils are expected to practise their spellings in preparation for a weekly spelling test which takes place on a Friday. The spelling words will be a mixture of tricky, high frequency and topic words and will definitely challenge your child at times. Please speak to us if you require advice on spelling tips and activities.

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 homework 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 children are sent into school with their PE Kits on these days.

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 us. 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 we can make sure we are able to have a quality discussion.

Orchard Primary School

Class 3 Overview



Autumn Term 2021

Classroom News ...

Welcome to Class 3. The teaching team this year is Miss Wrench who will be supported by Mrs Horsfall and Mrs Rees. Mrs Fordham will cover PPA every Tuesday afternoon. We are all very much looking forward to working with your child.

All pupils have returned to school with an excellent attitude towards their learning and have impressed us with their enthusiasm, good manners and excitement about our first topic. They have fully understood and followed the guidelines in place to keep everyone safe and they have responded to these changes quickly allowing them to settle back into school.

Class Dojo - We will be using Class Dojo to share important school updates, post photos of classroom activities, and to respond to messages sent by parents, so don't forget to log in. Please remember to send any urgent messages such as last-minute changes of picking up to the office as these messages might not be seen or responded to in time. I will endeavour to respond to messages within a 48-hour window with the aim to respond as soon as possible to any queries, questions or advice that you may need.

Communication - School Information will normally be sent to you via e-mail; flyers or letters. Often, 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 points/House points, certificates and stickers.

Class Reader – Each half term, the class will be voting for their class reading book. They will be choosing from a range of authors, with the aim of introducing them to new stories and adventures, as well as reading well known stories. The children have enjoyed this so far and it has helped to develop their own love of reading.

Phonics Check – This term, we will be working with your child to ensure that they are confident with all of their phonic sounds. This is in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check that will take place in the second half of the term. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with more advice or with any questions that you may have. There is a section on our school website with previous Phonics Screening Checks that you can do at home if you should wish.

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

Literacy: We will begin this half term, developing the children's stamina when it comes to writing. We will be using their phonic knowledge to support when writing independently and we will be linking all of our written work to our Superhero topic. The children will learn, innovate and then retell a new version of a Traction Man story looking at defeating a monster, linking to our work on Talk for Writing. We will then look at writing a set of instructions for a superhero themed recipe. Later in the term, we will be creating our own version of the Three Little Pig story, creating a leaflet all about our village and using a picture book to create our very own mystery story.

Numeracy: We will be starting with Number and Place Value ensuring that all children are confident and familiar with numbers up to 100. We will then spend a few weeks focussing on addition and subtraction, using a range of methods to answer questions. Later in the term, we will be looking at money before we move onto multiplication and division. We will continue to develop our problem-solving skills through focussing on talking about the different approaches we can use to solve problems.

Science: Pupils will be exploring their senses and investigating the human body, thinking about what our body needs to stay healthy. The children will also be learning how their diet contributes to leading a healthy lifestyle. 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 is 'Superheroes'. The children will learn about what makes them a superhero as well as learning about real life superheroes such as police officers, paramedics and firefighters. We will learn about historical figures such as Rosa Parks, Emily Davison, Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. In PSHE, the children will be learning about what makes them special and will be spending time looking at moral scenarios and discussing how they would act. 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: The children will be creating their own Superhero stop motion animation, using Lego and an app on the iPads. The children will design and build their own setting; storyboard their superhero tale and then share it with an audience. After half term, the children will develop their typing skills and conducting research into the local area.