

## 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.
- Spellings – Pupils are expected to practise their spellings in preparation for a weekly spelling test, which takes places on a Friday. The spelling words will be a mixture of words linked to the focus spelling rule and common exception 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 tasks should be written in pencil, with care being taken over presentation and handwriting.

**PE Lessons** - PE will take place on a Wednesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child is wearing the complete kit; long hair needs to be tied back and earrings covered or removed. Any problems, please get in touch.

**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. Thank you, Mrs Sheldon and Miss K.**

# Orchard Primary School

## Class 4 Overview



## Summer Term 2024

## Classroom News ...

Welcome back!

Summer term for Class 4 is going to be very busy and include lots of wonderful learning opportunities!

**Class Dojo** – Please check this regularly. Where possible, we will be aiming to post at least twice a week. We will also use this as a way of messaging, sending reminders for events or celebrating achievements in Class 4. Please note that we endeavour to respond to messages within 48 hours. If it is important, please pass a message on to Mrs Shields or Mrs Daft at drop off; one of us at collection times or contact the office so that 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; please get in touch if there are any issues. However, 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.

## 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:** This half term, we will be covering a range of genres that include revisiting instructions and then looking at a traditional tale for story writing and finally creating a brochure all about Castle Donington.

**Numeracy:** In mathematics we will complete our unit of work on fractions and then move on to statistics where we will be linking the data to dinosaurs and our topic 'Jurassic World'. We will also be looking at measure, telling the time, finally moving on to shape and position and direction.

**Science:** Pupils will be investigating living and non-living things for Jurassic World and also explore different habitats and food chains.

**Topics (History, Geography, Music, PSHE, RE, Art, DT):** Our topic this half term concludes the topic 'Jurassic World' where we continue to find out about dinosaurs and what they ate and design our own dinosaur. 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 move on to 'Donington Detectives' where we will find out about our local area. As a geography-based unit. This will involve fieldwork and map work.

**PE:** We will be teaching dribbling and striking as object manipulation in Basketball, Hockey and Football.

**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.