

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 us.
- Maths, English and Personal Study Tasks related to the topic will be given as part of a homework 'menu'. This should allow a bit more freedom in what is completed and how you manage it at home for that school work / family life balance.
- Spellings – We will practise these every day and do a quiz on a Friday.
- Multiplication & Division Facts - Multiplication facts are incredibly important and your child will be using them continually throughout the year to ensure he/she is able to recall them quickly and apply them to different areas of maths.

We are keen to stress that homework should only take up a small proportion of the evening. 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, so that it can be marked and feedback given.

PE Lessons - PE will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child **comes to school in their school PE uniform.**

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. We are always reachable on Dojo and will get back to you as soon as we can. If your query would be better discussed face to face, and 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 5 Overview



Autumn Term 2021

Classroom News ...

Welcome to Class 5. The teaching team this year is Mr Patching (Wednesday – Friday), Miss Webster (Monday – Tuesday) and Mrs Astle. We are all very much looking forward to working with your child.

The children have returned to school brilliant. They have already shown an excellent attitude towards their learning and have impressed us with their enthusiasm and positivity. We are going to have a GREAT year!

Class Dojo - We will be using Class Dojo to share important school information and updates, post photos of classroom activities, and to respond to messages sent by parents, so please check this regularly.

Communication - School Information will normally be sent to you via e-mail or Dojo; 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, as well as specific praise and feedback throughout the day.

Character Education- This will continue to be a major theme throughout school life and we will be expecting the children to demonstrate their character muscles in everything they do!

Special Events ...

Further details to follow

Friday 27th August – Meet the teacher. Drop in and meet your new class teachers from 3.15 until 3.40pm

Friday 3rd September – Inspiration Day: Medical Mavericks visit

Thursday 23rd September – Macmillan Coffee morning in school. Please bring 50p for a cake!

Friday 1st October – PTA movie night

Monday 11th & Thursday 14th October – Parents' Evenings (Face to Face to be confirmed)

Term 2 Week 1 (WB 25th October) – Inspiration Day: Tomb Raiders Event!

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 focusing on Lost and Found stories, which will include some diary writing and poetry. Handwriting is a key focus this year – it would be brilliant if the children could practise their handwriting at home, as well as in school. Every little bit helps!

Numeracy: We will be focusing on the key concepts of place value and written and mental methods of addition and subtraction. Alongside this, we will continue to develop our problem solving and mathematical reasoning skills, involving group work and plenty of 'maths talk' to develop our learning and the different approaches we can use to solve problems. Multiplication tables will be a real focus, so get practising the 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 x tables!

Topic: Our topic this term is 'Marvellous Me'. This topic incorporates some exciting activities in Science, Art, Design & Technology, PSHE and IT, as we explore what the body is made up of and how it makes us who we are. We will be learning how to draw self-portraits and making sure we know how to clean our teeth! We will be starting with a visit from the 'Medical Mavericks' where we'll all get to be doctors for the day! After half term, we'll be heading to Ancient Egypt for a fantastic history learning adventure.

Computing: Children will be learning how to use a variety of IT packages (including Word, PowerPoint and Excel), using search engines effectively and how to transfer data and images from one program to another. Of course, Internet Safety will be a major focus of the IT lessons, as well as being taught as a stand-alone unit.

French: We will be looking at some key basic vocabulary, including greetings and numbers.

PE: This term we will be enjoying some dance, gymnastics, and netball. Practising throwing and catching at home will help with the netball!

PSHE / RE: We will be looking at our relationships with family and friends, and how we can maintain these in a healthy way. This will include some work on anti-bullying. We'll also be developing our self-esteem and integrity, and learning about democracy through voting for our school council. We will then explore how different religions promote important rules for living by.