

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.
- Numeracy, Literacy and Personal Study Tasks related to the topic will be given as part of a homework 'menu'. This will hopefully allow a bit more freedom in what is completed and how you manage it at home for that school work/family life balance.
- Spellings - Spelling Tests will be every Friday morning.
- 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 – homework menus can be completed across the half term. 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 has their full PE uniform 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.

Helping in school – Unfortunately at the moment, we are having to be very careful with who is allowed into school. Therefore, until further notice, we cannot have parent helpers in school. We are REALLY hoping this will change soon.

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. From Mr P, Miss W and Mrs Astle.

Orchard Primary School

Class 5 Overview



Spring Term 2022

Classroom News ...

Welcome back!

Spring term means building on the skills taught in the Autumn and really pushing on with our learning. The children have come back to school full of enthusiasm and we are really looking forward to a great term.

Class Dojo - We will be using 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. If you message, we will try to get back to you as quickly as we can. We will also post all our remote learning activities via the Dojo portfolio.

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 merit points, house points, certificates and stickers. We will be celebrating these in class on Fridays. Please feel free to bring in any certificates, trophies or achievements your child receives outside of school so that we can share and celebrate on Fridays too.

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 ...

At the moment these are limited to in-school events linked to our topic, but we hope to be able to add more community-based events soon!

Jan 28th-30th - RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

31st January – 4th February – National Story Telling Week

Tuesday 8th February - Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 9th (3.30-6.30pm) and Thursday 10th February (5.00-7.00pm) -

Parent Consultations (TBC)

Friday 11th February - School Closes

14th - 18th February Half Term

Monday 21st February - School opens to pupils

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

Friday 11th March – 20th March – British Science Week

Friday 18th March - Comic Relief

Friday 8th April - School closes for Easter

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

We will be spending time during the second term building on the learning from term 1.

Literacy: This half term we will be covering a range of genres including poetry, traditional stories and a finding tale through Talk 4 Writing work. Handwriting and writing stamina is still a key focus this term – it would be great if children could practise their handwriting at home too!

Maths: We will be completing our multiplication and division topic and then teaching the key concepts of money, time and measuring. Alongside this, we will continue to develop our problem solving and mathematical reasoning skills, involving plenty of 'maths talk' to develop our learning and the different approaches we can use to solve problems.

Topic: Our topics this term are: 'Lights, Camera, Action' and after half term, 'The Romans'. These topics incorporate some exciting activities in Science, Art, Design & Technology, PSHE and IT, as we explore science and then move on to some of the people who shaped our country.

Computing: During the spring term we begin to look at coding and programming using scratch as well as applying skills to our topic work.

PE: We will be teaching Gymnastics, and tag rugby.

PSHE/ RE: PSHE will be delivered through our 'Everyone's Welcome' scheme of work using stories to investigate feelings, differences and relationships.

RE will focus on what it is like to be a Hindu in Britain today, the Christian festival of Easter and the importance of the crucifixion.