

## Reminders ...

### Homework

- Reading - Pupils are expected to read regularly at home. It is important that school books taken home and return 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 your 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 Monday and Wednesday. 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.**

Many Thanks,  
Miss Hudspith and Mrs Wintle

# Orchard Primary School

## Class 7 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.

**Communication** - School Information will normally be sent to you via e-mail; however, flyers or letters with slips to return may go home via the book bag, so please do check bags regularly. 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 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** - RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

**31<sup>st</sup> January – 4<sup>th</sup> February** – National Story Telling Week

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** - Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>** (3.30-6.30pm) and **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February** (5.00-7.00pm) - Parent Consultations (TBC)

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - School Closes for half term

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - School opens to pupils

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** - World Book Day

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 20<sup>th</sup> March** – British Science Week

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - Comic Relief

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** - School closes for Easter

**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 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 measurement (area), fractions and decimals. 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, Music, PSHE and IT. We will 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, Netball and Hockey.

**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 festivals including Easter and the importance of the crucifixion and we will be comparing this to the religion 'Hinduism'.