

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 and new spellings will be handed out every 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. Using Times table rock stars is a great way of practising these. All the children have their own log in.

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 – If you are able to give a small amount of time to school, we would love to see you.

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.

Orchard Primary School

Class 5 Overview



Spring Term 2024

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 an exciting 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.

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. We will be celebrating these 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 is always a major theme throughout school life and we will be expecting the children to demonstrate their character muscles in everything they do! Look out for the character muscles we have used that week on our dojo posts.

Special Events ...

Monday 8th January – School opens & clubs start

Friday 26th Jan - RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Monday 5th Feb - PTA Movie Night

Friday 10 February Children's Mental Health Week with Dress to Express

Monday 12th 3.30-6.30 and Thursday 15th February 4.00-6.00pm - Parents' Evening

Tuesday 13th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 16th February - School closes

Monday 26th February - School opens

Thursday 1st March: World Book Day

Thurs 7th March - PTA Mother's Day Tea

Thursday 14th March: Timestableathon & TTRS Dressing Up Day

Fri 15th March PTA Spring Disco

Friday 15th March: Comic Relief Fundraiser

Mon 18th & Tues 19th March - Y3 Beaumanor Residential

Friday 22nd March: School closes

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.

English: This half term we will be covering a range of genres including a school sound poem, write our own finding tale based off 'The bear and the Piano' and create our own suspense stories. 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 continuing to embed the second stage of multiplication and division. We will then be moving onto the key concepts of fractions, money and measurement. 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, 'May the Force be With You'. These topics incorporate some exciting activities in Science, Art, Design & Technology, PSHE and IT, as we explore the science of light, sound and forces around us.

Computing: During the spring term we begin to look at coding using scratch and understanding and creating our own branching databases.

PE: We will be teaching Gymnastic skills, hockey skills and outdoor adventure learning.

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.