

Reminders ...

Homework

Each week the children will be given a short piece of Maths and English to complete. This will be given to the children on a Friday to be handed in the following Thursday. This will then be marked in school. For each topic this term, children will receive a creative homework menu related to their topic. For each half-term, children will need to select 6 tasks that they would like to complete and must be handed in by the end of the half term. We really hope that they will enjoy completing their chosen tasks and hope that they will provide opportunities for them to share some of their learning with you at home.

- **Reading** – We very much believe in reading for pleasure and will always encourage our children to enjoy reading as much as possible. Children are expected to read regularly at home – this will mostly be the book that they have selected to read, but we also encourage reading child-friendly newspapers (such as First News) and articles online as well as listening to e-books. It is important that they bring their reading book to school each day.
- **Spellings** – We will have a spelling focus which will be introduced each week. Children will bring home some examples of words that use the weekly spelling pattern and will be tested at the end of the week.
- **Multiplication and Division Facts** – Multiplication facts are very important and your child will be using them continually throughout the year to support them across many different areas of maths so we really welcome any support you can give with learning these at home.

We thank you in advance for 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. We understand that there may be times where a child may not be able to complete their homework on time due to other commitments outside of school but we do ask that we are informed so that we can give your child time to complete it.

P.E Lessons

PE will take place on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a full kit in school on these days. Please ensure that all P.E kit is clearly named – initials on the label in marker pen are fine.

Finally, should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me – either through Class Dojo or by telephoning the school office to arrange a telephone appointment.

Orchard Primary School

Class 7 Overview



Autumn Term 2020

Classroom News ...

Welcome to Class 7!

Class 7's teacher is Miss Farrar and we are very fortunate to also have the support of Mrs Brain and Miss Charity. We are all very much looking forward to working with your child!

All children have returned to school with an excellent attitude towards their learning and have impressed us with their enthusiasm and positive learning behaviour. A great start to the year, Class 7 – well done!

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 and see what we're up to!

Communication - School Information will normally be sent to you via e-mail. 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 house points, certificates and stickers.

Reminders – At break and lunchtimes the children will be on the field, please can all children bring in a change of shoes to wear, especially if has been raining, this needs to be a separate pair to their P.E trainers.

Children have been given their own set of equipment to use in class, therefore children do not need to bring in their own equipment. We politely ask that the children do not bring in any items from home (playing cards, toys).

What are we learning?

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

We have had an excellent start to the term with the children taking part in their Space themed inspiration day, completing lots of special tasks from NASA.

Creative Curriculum: Our topic for the first term is 'To Infinity and Beyond' where we will be learning about the solar system. The children will be able to develop their understanding of space through a variety of different learning experiences from Science to Art and Music.

After half term, we will continue with our Space topic but we will be developing our Science knowledge of 'Let there be light'

English: We have started reading 'Phoenix' by award winning author S.F Said. We will be using the story inform our writing. We will be creating our own story opening, and silly space poetry. We will also become journalists in order to write a newspaper report before exploring the feelings and emotions of the different characters through diary entries. Our non-fiction writing will include a non-chronological report and instruction writing, linking to science lessons and our shared reading book.

Maths: This half term, we will be learning about number and place value. We will learn to read and write numbers up to 1 000 000, to identify the value of digits in a number, to use the greater than and less than symbols, to round numbers to any given degree of accuracy and to work with negative numbers. We will have the opportunity to use all of our number and place value skills through problem solving. We will then move onto learning about addition and subtraction.