

Reminders ...

Homework

Homework for this term will continue to focus on the CGP revision books for the children in Year 6 and the Homework menu for the children in Year 5. Thank you for your support in encouraging the children to complete all of the tasks. The children's attitude so far has been absolutely brilliant. For our next homework menu (The Vile Victorians), Year 5 children will be expected to complete at least 7 activities. Once SAT's is over, the Year 6 children will need to complete 4 of the activities from the Vile Victorians homework menu.

- **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 every Friday.
- **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 Wednesday and Friday 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 9 Overview



Summer Term 2024

Classroom News ...

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 may be on the field, please can all children bring in a change of shoes to wear, especially if it has been raining, this needs to be a separate pair to their P.E trainers.

Key Dates

- Monday 22nd April – UKS2 Victorian School Day Experience (in school)
- Friday 26th April - House Spellathon (change of date)
- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
- Y6 SATS Week Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May
- Friday 24th May - School closes
- Friday 7th June - Y5/6 Enterprise Scheme
- Thursday 13th June - Sports Day (KS2 a.m./KS1 p.m.)
- Friday 14th June - PTA Father's Day Breakfast
- Friday 21st June - Annual Reports sent out
- Tuesday 2nd July – UKS2 Trip to the Black Country Museum
- Wednesday 3rd July - Parents' Evening
- Friday 5th July - PTA Summer Disco
- Tuesday 9th July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly for parents & school closes

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

Creative Curriculum:

After Easter we will complete two more weeks of our Amazing Americas topic where we will design and make our Mayan masks and create our tourism websites for Perodista Travel. We will then move to look at the Vile Victorians. We will be finding out what it was like for a child growing up in the Victorian era. We will learn about the geography and housing of Castle Donnington through looking at census data this will provide us with a greater knowledge and understanding of Castle Donnington in the 19th century. We have also been approached by a museums gift shop to create a moving toy that would have been suitable for children during the Victorian times. The children will work through various stages of the design process before creating their toy for the shop.

English: After finishing reading Holes we will move onto reading 'Another Twist in the Tale' by Catherine Bruton. A story that tells the tale of Twill Twist – a girl brought into the world ahead of her brother – Oliver. We will use the shared reading book to help us create pieces of suspense writing. Our other writing genres will include a formal letter, a Non-chronological report and a recount.

Maths: In maths Year 6 will spend time recapping all topics we have covered this year in preparation for SATs. The children will also be introduced to new arithmetic concepts such as algebra and ratio. In geometry we look at the parts of a circle before constructing and interpreting pie chart in statistics as well as calculating the mean as an average. Year 5 will be moving onto perimeter and area, before moving into shape, position & translation, involving understanding coordinates.

French: In French we will cover the topics: exploring the French speaking world and planning a French holiday

PHSE: After half-term our focus will be Mental health and wellbeing, relationship and sex education (further details to follow) and keeping safe online.