

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 me. Please indicate how many times your child is reading at home by simply signing the reading record and saying how many pages they have read. Just 10 minutes a day can have a huge impact on your child's reading. Please aim for at least 5 times per week.
- Spellings – Pupils are expected to practise their spellings in preparation for a weekly spelling test, which takes place on a Friday. The spelling words will be a mixture of words linked to the focus spelling rule and common exception words and will definitely challenge your child at times. Please speak to us if you require advice on spelling tips and activities.

Homework Menu

For each topic this term, children will receive a creative homework menu related to their topic. We are keen to stress that homework should only take up a small proportion of the evening/weekend. We will always allow plenty of time for completion of the task and are happy to extend homework deadlines where appropriate.

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. All tasks should be written in pencil, with care being taken over presentation and handwriting.

PE Lessons - PE will take place on a Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure that your child is wearing the complete kit and please get in touch if there are any issues.

Labelling Property - Please ensure that PE kit, uniform, water bottles, book bags, etc. are labelled.

Finally, should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me. If your query requires more time, at the start/end of school, please telephone the school office to arrange an appointment so that I can make sure we are able to have a quality discussion.

Orchard Primary School

Class 3 Overview



Summer Term 2024

Classroom News ...

Welcome back. We hope that you have had a lovely Easter Break. The children have come back with a super attitude for the continuing Jurassic Park topic.

Class Dojo – Please check this regularly. Where possible, I will be aiming to post at least twice a week. I will also be using this as a way of messaging, sending reminders for events or celebrating achievements in Class 3. Please note that I endeavour to respond to messages within 48 hours. If it is important, please pass a message on to Mrs Shields or Mrs Daft at drop off, myself at collection times or contact the office, so that I can give you a phone call. I am always happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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.

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, along with the new behaviour policy reward systems.

Special Events ...Dates for the Diary!

Friday 26th April – House Spellathon

Monday 6th May – Bank holiday

Monday 20th May – Dinosaur Workshop

Friday 24th May – PTA rainbow bounce

Friday 24th May – School closes

Friday 7th June – Year 5/6 enterprise scheme

Thursday 13th June – Sports day KS2 am/KS1 pm

Friday 21st June – PTA Father's Day breakfast

Wednesday 3rd July – Optional parent's evening

Friday 5th July – PTA summer disco

Tuesday 9th July – school closes

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 that include revisiting instructions and then looking at a traditional tale for story writing and finally creating a brochure all about Castle Donington.

Numeracy: In mathematics we will complete our unit of work on fractions and then move on to statistics where we will be linking the data to dinosaurs and our topic 'Jurassic World'. We will also be looking at measure, telling the time, finally moving on to shape and position and direction.

Science: Pupils will be investigating living and non-living things for Jurassic World and also explore different habitats and food chains.

Topics (History, Geography, Music, PSHE, RE, Art, DT): Our topic this half term concludes the topic 'Jurassic World' where we continue to find out about dinosaurs and what they ate and design our own dinosaur. . We are working over several weeks to produce a mixed media collage with includes detailed sketches of fossils. We will also be learning lots of different dinosaur songs. The children will learn how dinosaurs became extinct and the different theories behind it. Finally, we will end Jurassic World with a special visit from a surprise visitor! After half-term, we move on to ' Donington Detectives' where we will find out about our local area. As a geography-based unit. This will involve fieldwork and map work.

PE: We will be teaching dribbling and striking and object manipulation in Basketball, Hockey and Football.

Computing: In computing, we will be learning keyboard and mouse skills. As well as this, we will also be learning how to programme sprites, debug and understand algorithms (early stages of program design). This will be completed on a programme called Scratch Jr.