

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.
- 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. The Y4 tables check will take place at the start of June.

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 navy blue 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 anyone is able to come in to school and hear readers that would be amazing. We try and hear the children as regularly as possible so more chances for them to read to adults would be great.

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 7 Overview



Summer Term 2024

Classroom News ...

Welcome back!

Summer term means a final push for all our learning to the end of the year! Where has it gone?

The children have come back to school full of enthusiasm and we are really looking forward to a great term.

Class Dojo – As usual we will be using Class Dojo to share important school updates, post photos of special classroom activities. 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, house points, and certificates 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 Friday too.

Character Education- This continues 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

Friday 26th April – House Spellathon

Monday 6th May – Bank holiday

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

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th June – Year 3 and year 4 Matlock trip

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 including dairy writing and newspaper articles in the first half term and then a persuasive brochure in the second half term. Handwriting and writing stamina is still a key focus this term – it would be great if children could practise their handwriting at home too!

Numeracy: We will be completing our Decimals with money and revising the key concepts taught so far. We will also be learning to tell the time accurately, investigating properties of shape, including perimeter, problem solving and mathematical reasoning skills. This will involve plenty of 'maths talk' to develop our learning and the different approaches we can use to solve problems.

Topic: Our topic this term is the brilliant '**Rampaging Romans**' with exciting history, geography, Science, Art, PSHE, music and IT, as we explore some of the people who shaped our country. This will be followed by 'Location Location' - a geography based unit which will involve field work, mapping, exploring Castle Donington and a trip to Matlock Bath. It's a brilliant hands-on topic; the children will love it!

Computing: During the summer term we learn programming events and outcomes including set up commands and de-bug programs in Y4. We will use IT to compliment our topic lessons and always remember to use our e-safety rules.

PE: We will be teaching hockey, cricket, swimming and athletics in Y4.

PSHE/ RE: PSHE will be delivered through our 'Everyone's Welcome' scheme of work using stories to investigate feelings, differences and relationships. As part of this we are teaching the sex and relationships unit of work which will focus on families and relationships as well as coping with change as we grow up.