

### Important Events

Meet the teacher – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Bring a dad/significant male to school day – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September

World Week – Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> October

Last day of half term – 19<sup>th</sup> October

### Homework

This year homework will be used either to consolidate in-class learning or to introduce new topics to the children, and therefore it is vital that it is completed so that your child can fully participate in lessons. Please encourage your child to complete the given homework in good time.

Homework is given out on Thursday and is due by the following Monday. The children have their spelling test on Monday, so please ensure that your child reads and practises the words given to them.

In addition, please ensure that your child is reading every night for at least 15 minutes so that they have the chance to practise key reading skills, intonation and fluency. Please ensure your child is practising the use of the destination reader strands, which are found in the home school diary.

### PE

Please ensure your child brings the correct PE kit to school on specified PE days.

The PE kit consists of; plain white t-shirt (or with an Orchard Logo), plain green shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers or plimsolls.

PE will be on **Friday** for Holly and Poplar classes.

## Year Five Autumn Term 1 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of an exciting new year at Orchard Primary School! We hope you all had a restful summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

As we are both new to the school, we would love you to introduce yourselves - a good relationship between home and school is important in children's learning so please feel free to come and talk to us about any questions or concerns you might have.

The essential curriculum information about what your child will learn this half term is on the inside of this booklet.

We look forward to working with you over the coming weeks!

Miss Speakman & Mr Carruthers

In Literacy, we will be reading the traditional tale of Beowulf, as well as other myths and legends, writing our own tales based on what we have read. We will also use our scientific knowledge of how the ear works to write comprehensive explanation texts.

In Numeracy we will be developing our knowledge of number, focusing on place value and property of number. We will be improving on the written and mental methods for addition and subtraction and consolidating our knowledge of the multiplication tables. Throughout the half term, we will be building upon our problem solving and mental maths skills.

In Science we will be learning about sound and how it travels. We will be looking into how sound is affected by different materials and the way in which the ear works.

PSHCE & RE  
RE: Creation Stories  
PSHCE: Being Responsible

In Humanities we will be looking at the history and origins of the Anglo Saxons, including Alfred the Great, using artifacts and images to answer questions and identifying changes over time. We will learn about the key historical events of the Anglo Saxon period and the effect these events had on people.

In PE we will be begin to develop our control of rackets and learn the techniques and skills needed to effectively participate in a game of tennis.

In Art & Design this half term we will be looking at weaving techniques and how they have developed through the ages, creating a practical example.

As musicians, our focus we will be on notation and performance, using recorders as our primary instrument.

