

### Key Dates:

**Parent Reading** – Every Friday 8:55 - 9:15am

**Wednesday 14th November: Willow Class** trip to William Morris Gallery

**Friday 16th November: Rowan Class** trip to William Morris Gallery

**Wednesday 21st November: Olive Class** trip to William Morris Gallery

**Thursday 29th November:** Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas lunch and jumper day

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December:** Snow Queen Pantomime at school

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Sing along Christmas for Year 2 (2.50pm)

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December:** Last day of term, school closes at 2pm

### Homework

Homework will be handed out on **Thursdays** and is due back the following **Monday**. It will consist of a Spelling list, a Literacy task and a Numeracy task.

Please remember to read with your child daily and if possible give them access to Athletics.

Please remember to sign and comment in your child's Home School Diary as regularly as possible each week. This communication allows us to better support your child's reading.

### PE

**Willow Class:** Monday afternoon

**Rowan Class:** Friday afternoon

**Olive Class:** Tuesday afternoon

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit with them in school for their PE lesson each week and that it is clearly labelled.



# Year Two Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of an exciting half term at Orchard Primary School. We hope you all had a restful break and are ready to dive into the second half of the autumn term.

We are very excited about the term ahead and the activities planned.

A good relationship between home and school is important to support children's learning. Please feel free to speak to us about your child's progress or any concerns you may have. We are available to talk after school on most days. You will find information about what your child will learn this half term inside this booklet.

Many thanks,

Mrs Cannon, Miss El-Fakhri and Miss Trillwood

In Literacy we will be building up our writing skills through units in narratives, explanations and poetry.

We will be starting the half term by focusing on the structure of our writing and thinking about how we can make it flow, as well as building more detailed descriptions.

We will also be continuing our work on cursive handwriting – any practise at home will greatly benefit your child!

In Numeracy, we will be focusing on measure, multiplication and division this term.  
We will also learn new calculation methods. Throughout the term, we will continue to focus on our reasoning skills when solving problems, as well as developing our mental maths skills and times tables.

In Science we will be learning about sound. We will be exploring how sounds are made, and investigating where they come from. We will also conduct an investigation into how we can change the pitch of a sound.

## PSHCE & RE

RE: What can we learn from religion?

PSHCE: Staying safe

**Literacy**  
Narratives,  
Explanations,  
Poetry

**Numeracy**  
Measure,  
Multiplication,  
Division,

**Science**  
Sound

## Travellers



**The Arts**  
Art: William Morris  
Music: Singing and  
performance

**Physical  
Development**  
Dance

**Humanities**  
Around the UK

**ICT**  
Computer Science:  
Logo

In Art, we will be experimenting with printing techniques used by William Morris. We will be creating our own tile templates which we will use to create repeated patterns.

In Music we will be singing, performing, improvising, composing and listening.

In PE, we will be developing our dance skills, focussing on creating a sequence of movements linked to different modes of transport.

In Geography we will be studying the UK. We will be looking at important geographical features, labelling countries and their capital cities and also comparing different landscapes.