

Key Dates:

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

Work and Enterprise Week will commence week beginning 21st January 2018 including our Enterprise Fayre on Friday 25th January.

Half Term – Week Beginning 18th February

Homework

Homework will be set each week and 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 *Mathletics* and *Times table Rock Star*.

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: Monday 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 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome 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 spring term.

We are very excited about the term to come and the activities planned.

A good relationship between home and school is important to 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 Numeracy, we will continue to consolidate our learning using the four operations: adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing, alongside practising our 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables.
We will begin the half term by looking at money. We will learn about recognising different amounts and solving money problems.

In Science, we will be learning all about plants. We will be exploring the different conditions needed for plants to grow. We will also be looking at how plants grow from seeds and how plants disperse their seeds.

In Literacy we will begin the half term by focusing on expanding our sentence structure by using more adventurous words in our writing.
We will be writing stories based on the book *Oliver Who Would Not Sleep!*
By Mara Bergman

Numeracy
Measure,
Multiplication,
Division,

Science
Plants

Literacy
Narratives,
Explanations,
Poetry

Explorers


ICT
Digital Literacy:
Video

Humanities
Christopher
Columbus

**Physical
Development**
Gymnastics

The Arts
Art: Artist Study: Van Gogh (Sunflowers)
Music: Improvising, composing

PSHCE & RE
RE: Why do Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah?
PSHCE: Let's Work: The world of work /

In Art, we will be focusing on the artist Van Gogh. We will look at his style of painting and focus on his Sunflowers painting (you can see this for free in the National Gallery at Trafalgar Square).
In Music, we will be learning how to improvise and compose music.

In PE, we will be developing our gymnastics skills and focussing on creating a sequence of movements.

In History, we will be learning all about Christopher Columbus. We will be comparing the differences between life in the 14th Century and today. We will learn about his life, the voyages he completed and how he impacted the world.