

Important Events

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

Class Assemblies:

Walnut: Monday 28th January

Sycamore: Wednesday 6th February

Last day of half term: Friday 15th February (School finishes at 3.30pm)

Half Term Holiday: Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February

Homework

Literacy and Numeracy homework will be sent out **every Thursday**. We expect children to complete these at home and to respond to their marking from the previous week. The class teacher will collect homework from the children on **Monday mornings**.

Spellings will be sent out every **Thursday** and should be practised daily. Home readers need to be completed daily and signed weekly by a Parent/Carer.

PE

Again, thank you to all children and parents who brought their PE kit to school each week last term.

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

PE times

Wednesday for Sycamore and Cedar classes
Thursday for Walnut Class

Year 3 Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of an exciting new term and a new year at Orchard Primary School! We hope you all had a restful holiday and are ready to dive into the new half term!

We have many interesting topics to cover this term with a particular focus on '*Romans*'.

Please ensure that your child is reading and practising times tables every evening. Remember practice makes perfect!

Should you have any concerns about your child's progress or wish to talk to us, we are available after school most days.

Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the inside of this booklet.

Happy New Year

Miss Sotiri, Ms Khatun and Miss George

As writers, we will be writing for a range of purposes, for example we will create our own version of the 3 Little Pigs using interesting adjectives and adverbs to engage our reader. In poetry we will be counting syllables to produce our own haikus.

As Readers, we will pick out key words, such as adjectives and conjunctions and explain why the author might have chosen these particular words. We will be reflecting on how what we are reading makes us feel and how it relates to our own experiences.

As mathematicians, we will continue to develop formal methods of multiplication and division. We will also be covering time. In addition, we will be focusing on time using Roman numerals to coincide with our topic plans.

As scientists, we will investigate materials which are attracted to magnets as well as those which repel. We will also develop our understanding of friction and forces by planning and conducting scientific experiments. We will highlight the importance of performing a fair test in order to get accurate results.

P5HCE & RE
RE: Islam
SEAL: Going for goals
PSHE: The world of work

This term we will be focusing on Art. We will be linking this with our topic by focusing on Roman mosaics. We will design our own individual mosaic pattern and bring them together to achieve an impressive class display.

During gymnastic sessions we will improve our skills of balancing and coordination as well as control on a variety of apparatus.

As historians, we will be uncovering Roman artefacts to learn the truth about Romans and their way of life! We will look into Roman soldiers and the effectiveness of their battle strategies, as well as placing events on a time line to fully understand their order during Roman rule.

