

Dates for your diary

- Monday 20th January: Work and Enterprise Week
- Friday 24th January: Work and Enterprise Fair
- Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February: Half term
- Friday 24th January: Year 5 visit to Royal Court of Justice

PE

Poplar PE session is every Friday.
Holly PE session is every Tuesday.
Elder PE session is every Wednesday.

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school on their timetabled PE days. It is advised your child keeps their kit in school throughout the week in case of any timetable changes. Children must have a full PE kit (a white t-shirt, green or black shorts and plimsolls) to ensure personal hygiene and safety.

Homework

Children in Year 5 should spend a set time each day completing homework to ensure good routine. This should include:

- Complete the weekly literacy and numeracy tasks which will be set on Thursday and should be returned on Monday.
- Reading their home reading book for 30 minutes each evening (please sign the diary to show this has been completed).
- Learn their weekly spellings which will be set on Thursdays and tested on Mondays.
- Learn their times tables to 12 x 12.
- Access the home learning sites Rockstars and Mathletics

Year Five Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of an exciting half term at Orchard Primary! We hope that everyone had a restful winter break.

As the new term begins, it is important that the children get straight back in to their routines: reading at home on a daily basis, completing their home school diaries and completing homework each week. Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to speak to us.

We are available to talk after school on most days. Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the inside of this booklet. We look forward to working with you and your children.

Best wishes,

Year 5 Team

Our topic this half term is Urbanisation

Literacy

As writers we will be looking at mystery and suspense stories. We will also be writing instruction in a more complex form.

We will continue to develop our understanding and comprehension of poetry.

Recommended Reads:

- Beetle boy by MG Leonard
- The butterfly lion by Michael Morpurgo

Music

As musicians, we will have a focus on listening, composing and performing.

Art and Design Technology

In Art & Design we will develop our sketching skills, this time using the medium of chalk.

We will study the artist Peter Thorpe and create a space themed print.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will be developing our knowledge of number, focusing on place value and number properties. We will be improving our written and mental methods for addition and subtraction and consolidating our knowledge of the multiplication tables. We will be building on our problem solving and recall skills.



Geography

As geographers, we will be looking at the process of urbanisation, the cause and effect of the process and how it impacts on our lives.

Field work will be carried out to see what effects this has had on the local environment.

Science

As scientists we will be heading into space! We will look at the earth's movements and how this creates days, months and years.

We will be investigating how this movement creates shadows and how/ why they change over time.

RE: Why do Jewish people keep Shabbat?

PSHCE: Let's Work

ICT

Espresso: website building

Physical Education

As physical learners we will be learning to develop our core strength through building and exploring bridges.

We will create and share routines linking movements on and off apparatus.