

Dates for your diary

- Monday 20th January to Friday 24th January: Year 6 testing
- Monday 20th January: Work and Enterprise Week
- Friday 24th January: Work and Enterprise Fair, Dragons' Den presentation
- Monday 10th February to Friday 14th February: Year 6 testing
- Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February: Half term

PE

- Redwood PE session is every Wednesday
- Maple PE session is every Thursday

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 6 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 15 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 such as Times Tables Rockstars and Mathletics

Year Six Spring 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of another exciting half term at Orchard Primary School! We hope you had a restful break.

Thank you to so many of you who supported your children with their half term homework relating to our new topic. This has really given your children a great head start this half term.

This half term, please support your children in bringing their home-work diaries into school every day, learning their spellings and times tables and bringing in homework. We are trying to encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings but we would appreciate your support in this.

A good relationship between home and school is important in 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. Information about what your child will learn this half term is on the inside of this booklet.

Best wishes,

Year 6 Team

Our topic this half term is Spain

Literacy

As writers we will be exploring texts in detail and looking at how we can develop our writing skills. We will be focusing on both fiction and non-fiction genres of writing. There will be opportunity to develop their ability to write persuasively and to write engaging short stories, using subject knowledge to enhance our writing.

Mathematics

As mathematicians we will continue to develop the mental strategies we use to calculate problems quickly. We will be developing our use of number; the way we explain our understanding and apply strategies to problem solving. We will be using a range of SATs style questions to apply learning.

Science

As scientists we will be looking at micro organisms and how they both help and hinder us as human beings. We will be looking at the different types of micro organisms and shall identify what they all need to thrive and survive.

Recommended Reads:

- Cogheart by Peter Bunzl
- The Wheel of Surya by Jamila Gavin

Music

Using music technology to listen to and then compose pieces of our own.



Art and Design Technology

As artists we will be looking at the works of Picasso. We will be using mixed media to create 3D versions of his work, based on our own self-portraits. We will study the Cubism period and look at defining features.

Geography

As geographers, we will be looking at the country of Spain in closer detail, finding out how it is similar and different to the United Kingdom. We will be looking at culture, diet, economics and the land itself and identifying reasons for the difference between the two locations.

Physical Education

As physical learners, we will be practising skills linked with the sport of basketball. We will learn to dribble, pass, and shoot accurately. We will learn to work collaboratively with others. As a final outcome, we will practise skills in the context of competitive game and evaluate the impact of chosen strategy.

RE: What does the Ka'bah and Hajj mean to Muslims?

PSHCE: Going for Goals

ICT

We will be using Kudo to further develop our understanding of coding.