

# The Orchards Primary Academy

## Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> May 2020 / Year 2



Dear Children and Families,

It now seems a very long time since we were all last together but thanks to modern technology there are ways and means to keep in touch – thank goodness for emails and DB Primary!

Again, I made calls to every family in Year 2 this week and it was lovely to hear how you are all doing. If I didn't manage to speak to you but left a voicemail, I hope everyone is still well and you are all coping with what is fast becoming a new way of living.

As always, my best link to everyone is through DB Primary where you will find lots of different activities to do, along with the online learning found on The Oaks learning platform. We will have just come to the end of Week 3 of the schedule, and I've had a fantastic response from lots of children who are now regularly uploading their Maths and Literacy to me along with various pieces of art work that they have been completing, and VE decorations that they made. If you haven't managed to upload work yet this can be done via a tab on your homepage called 'My Work'.

TTrockstars is also being used by some of the children and those that are completing it regularly are finding the speed of their tables is getting quicker and they are getting more and more points as they complete more challenges – look for a previous email from me for your log in details and passwords if you've not ventured onto this site – I guarantee you'll enjoy it.

### Maths

#### 2D and 3D shape:

- Know how to find quarters and halves of shape and number.
- To know the terms numerator and denominator and understand which part of a fraction this refers to.
- To identify halves, thirds and quarters of a shape and number.
- Understand fractions related to time:  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr,  $\frac{1}{4}$  hour and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour.

### Reading:

#### The Firework Maker's Daughter

- Continue to read the above book and complete work given on The Oaks Online learning site – you can record your written work via a book that you keep at home or take a photograph and post it to me on db Primary.
- Make inferences
- Use different sentence types
- Write a recount.

### Topic: Wild Weather

Rainbows have become important signs of hope in this pandemic, but what are they? How and why do they form?

Find out as much as you can about rainbows and how they link to weather, then find or create your own rhyme for remembering the different colours.

## Quiz time!

### Maths Quiz!

1. What is  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6, 14, 18 and 30?
2. If half of a number is 5, what is the whole number?
3. What is  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 12?
4. If  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a number is 2, what is the whole number?
5. What is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 15?
6. If  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a number is 3, what is the whole number?
7. How many minutes in half an hour?

### Spelling / Grammar Quiz!

1. Create a question that could have the answer 'two'. Think carefully what punctuation you need for the question.
2. Which of these is a noun (naming word)?  
desk, write, blue
3. Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelt differently and have a different meaning e.g. which and witch. Find 5 different homophones and put the words into sentences.

## Whole school writing task

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Log on to The Literacy Shed and watch the following film:

<https://www.literacyshed.com/littleshoemaker.html>



### Littleshoemaker - THE LITERACY SHED

Le Petit Cordonnier - The Little Shoemaker. In a timeless Parisien street there is a little shoemaker called Mr Botte. He makes and sells a special kind of shoes and business is good. However, the little shoemaker's life is about to change... a new shoe seller is in town and he will do anything to gain business. Mr Botte's business starts to ...

[www.literacyshed.com](http://www.literacyshed.com)

Can you retell the story in a fairytale style? Remember to send your writing to our facebook page so that we can share it with everyone!