

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter

12th March 2021 / Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot tell you how wonderful it has been this week to have all of the children back in school. Seeing them come through the gates smiling and excited, was really a highlight of 2021 so far!

I am sure that whilst some of you may feel conflicted about sending the children to school, you will also be relieved not to have to battle with home learning!

Please make sure that you stick to the arrival and collection times as set out for your child's class. These are put into place to ensure minimal crossing of bubbles on the gate. There are limited staff available to collect your child from the gate and take them to their classrooms if you do not arrive on time, which may lead to a long wait for you at the gates.

Thank you for your understanding,

Mrs Carrier

Parents' Evening

We will be holding our Parent Evening sessions on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March. These will be held remotely via telephone consultation. Your child's class teacher will send you an appointment time on 17th March.

Comic Relief

On Friday 19th March we will be marking Comic Relief, otherwise known as Red Nose Day!

We are inviting the children to come into school wearing non-uniform on this date. Donations of £1 are much appreciated and staff will be out on the gates on the 19th, to collect these in buckets. Please give what you can.



Nursery Open Days

We are pleased to say that we will be able to hold our Nursery open days for parents of children who are due to start Nursery in September 2021 on 21st April 2021.

This will be run on an appointment only basis. Please make an appointment for Wednesday 21st April with the school office. This will give you a great opportunity to meet the staff, discuss the early years curriculum and find out what our Nursery classroom will look like in our new building!

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News from Early Years

Pre-School

The children this week have spent time making their Mother's Day cards and next week will begin to learn about the season Spring. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back!

Nursery

All of our children have settled back into Nursery life. We have learnt the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and have worked together to complete a display. This week during 'Takeover Wednesday' the children have used biscuits to construct their own buildings. The children have also had the opportunity to match the initial phonemes to CVC words.



Reception

In Reception the children are learning through the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. In our Philosophy for Children lessons, the children had a discussion whether they would cross the bridge to eat the grass and came up with really interesting suggestions! This week during 'Takeover Wednesday' the children had a really messy time making slime which they thoroughly enjoyed!

News from KS1

Year 1 have settled really well- they were excited to see each other and share what they had been up to during home learning. In Literacy, the children have recapped basic punctuation and grammar and in Maths they have recapped number work. Year 1 have enjoyed creating Mother's Day Cards this week.

Year 2 have also settled extremely well. On Monday, prizes were awarded (by Mrs Hughes) for home learning. The children have had some revision lessons this week for literacy and maths and have now started to make their Tudor houses to link with their current topic. The children have also spent time making Mother's Day Cards.

In Year 3, the children have been investigating scientists as part of British Science Week and have completed scientific activities linked to this. We will be completing activities linked to this throughout the week. The Y3 topic for this term is Ancient Greece; the children are looking forward to exploring this topic further in the coming weeks.

News from KS2

Year 6: In mathematics, we will be learning about equivalent decimals, fractions and percentages and how to convert them. In English, we are revising basic skills and completing daily close reading activities daily. For science, we have been fascinated with shadows and light and in topic we continue to learn about the effects of the industrial revolution.

Year 5: In Topic, we are going to explore the greatest achievements of Ancient Egypt and answer the following questions by Easter: How did early Egypt begin and what was it like there? How did Ancient Egypt change during the Old Kingdom period? What changes took place from the Old Kingdom up to the end of the Egyptian empire

Year 4: This term in Science we will be looking at states of matter and we will answer why we have rain. In Topic we will complete the topic on the Ancient Maya and create some Jade masks. In mathematics and English, we will be focusing on our key skills for year 4.