

The Orchards Primary Academy

Newsletter

18th June 2021 / Summer Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have finally made the move into our lovely new Junior and Nursery building! The children have been amazing since returning after the half term break and are really loving their new surroundings. Our Reception and Key Stage 1 children have also been for a tour of the new building and are excited for when they become Junior children!

We wanted to share the inside of the building with you as soon as possible, but as that is still not possible due to covid restrictions, we thought we would share some photos here. Our library is still a work in progress, so we will share that with you in future weeks!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Carrier

Attendance

Whole school attendance: 92.5%

Best class attendance: Year 3 – 97.6%

Number for reporting absences 0121 464 4302. School should be informed of absences before 9.30am on each day of absence.

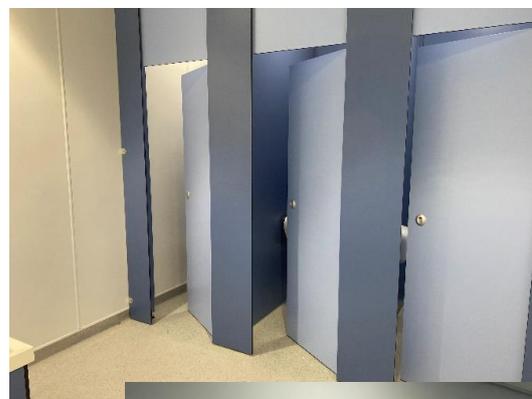
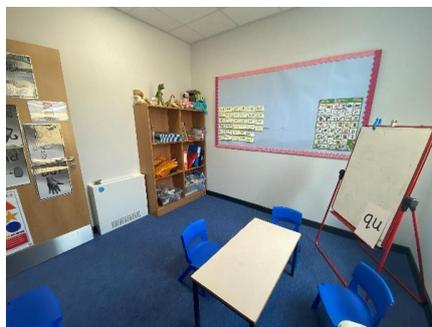
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News from Early Years

Pre-School

The children this half term are learning about 'Elmer'. The children are continuing to learn about colours and shapes and this week they are busy making Father's Day cards. They are designing their own Elmer which they are really enjoying, although it's very messy!

Nursery

The children are really enjoying learning in their new classroom. They have been doing a lot of exploring and enjoying the new equipment in Nursery. The classroom is amazing and the children are going to enjoy their last 5 weeks in the Nursery. This half term the children are learning about 'Farm Animals'. The children will be learning about which animals live on farms and paint the animals.

Reception

The children in Reception this half term are learning about 'castles'. They are in the process of making a large castle to play in. In maths, the children have ordered numbers 1 to 20 and beyond this week with their friends. The children in Reception have spent a lot of time in their outdoor learning as the weather has been beautiful. They have also started to practise for sports day with Nursery. Photos of Sports Day will be on your child's DB Primary page.

News from KS1

Year 1 - The children have been working extremely hard consolidating previously taught sounds in their phonics lessons, as well as learning new sounds this week. Please ensure that you practise daily phonics with your child in preparation for their (in-house) phonics screening check next month. If you have any questions regarding phonics, then please see the class teacher.

Year 2 have completed some fantastic work in English linked to playscripts. They now understand the features of playscripts and are beginning to use these as models for their own writing. The children are continuing to learn about weather and have listened to stories linked to this theme.

News from KS2

Year 3 - Some wonderful maths work has been completed this week based on measures- the children have measured, compared and added lengths during their lessons. In topic work, the children have enjoyed learning about the Roman legacy and key figures associated with the time period.

Year 4 - For English we will begin writing our own science fiction stories based upon outer space, whilst understanding classification and how to group living things in science. We will shortly be participating in the Multiplication check to see how well our children perform at knowing their times tables so for the next couple of weeks (and beyond!) please keep supporting your child with their home learning in this area.

Year 5 - We are embarking upon writing our own newspaper articles, ensuring our tenses are correct and that we write with accuracy. Our articles will be based upon past events that have happened in Soweto. For PSHE we will be looking at some of the changes that our young people go through as they turn into adults.

Year 6 - We will be looking at statistics in mathematics, learning to read, interpret and draw a number of graphs and pie charts and putting our previous knowledge of angles to use. In science we have moved onto a new topic about electricity and will look to see how circuits work, and how we can change components to obtain different effects.