

Important Events

Meet the Teacher: Tuesday 11th September

Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day: Wednesday
26th September

World Week & Democracy Day: Monday 8th October to Friday
12th October

Half Term Holiday: Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October

Homework

Thank you to all the children who completed their holiday homework over the summer holidays and to the parents who assisted in this important process.

We endeavour to create homework that practices skills being taught that week at school.

Homework is given out on Thursday and is due by the following Monday. The children have their spelling test on Monday, so please ensure that your child reads and memorises the words given to them.

In addition, please ensure that your child is reading every night for at least 15 minutes so that they have the chance to practise phonics, intonation and fluency. As well as this, please ensure your child is practising the use of the destination reader strands, which are also in our home school diary.

PE

This term the children will be exploring indoor games and how we can use different forms of exercise to keep fit.

Just a reminder, the kit consists of; plain white t-shirt (or with an Orchard Logo), plain green shorts or jogging bottoms and trainers or plimsolls.

PE is on Monday for Cedar Class and a Thursday for Sycamore and Walnut classes.

Year 3

Autumn Term 1

Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of an exciting term at Orchard Primary School! We hope you all had a restful summer holiday and are looking forward to the weeks ahead!

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.

We look forward working with you over the coming weeks!

Miss George, Miss Sotiri and Ms Khatun

As writers we will be exploring texts in detail and looking at how we can develop our writing skills through learning. We will be focusing on both fiction and non-fiction genres of writing. Children will have the opportunity to develop their ability to write recounts, reports and short stories, using our history topic knowledge to enhance our writing.

In Numeracy, we will be developing our knowledge of number. Children will learn more about the place value of each digit in three digit numbers. As well as developing strategies to add and subtract numbers mentally, and by using formal written methods. Throughout the half term, we will be building upon our ability to explain our understanding and solve problems.

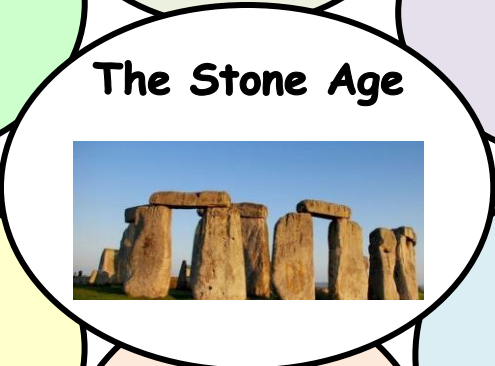
In Science, we will be learning to group and compare different rocks based on their appearance and properties. We will discover how fossils are formed and learn what soil is made of.

ICT
Computer Science:
Logo

Literacy
Traditional Tales,
Recounts and Poetry

Numeracy
Number, Place Value,
Addition and
Subtraction

Science
Rocks and Soils



PSHCE & RE
RE: How do different religions teach us about trust and humility?
SEAL: New Beginnings
PSHCE: Being Responsible

The Arts
Cave Music, Cave Drawings

PE
Games Activities

Humanities
The Stone Age

In Art, we will be learning about cave drawings. We will also experiment with charcoal and chalk to create our own cave drawings.

In Music, we will be using percussion and simple wind instruments to make our own Stone Age music.

In PE, we will be developing our ball skills including throwing, kicking, passing and creating space. Through team games, we will increase our understanding of tactics and learn how to evaluate our own performance.

In Humanities, we will be looking at artefacts to help us ask questions about the past. We will learn about Stone Age technology; discover what life was like for people in the Stone Age and learn about Skara Brae - a Stone Age settlement in Britain.