

Important Events

Thursday 13th September – Meet the teacher
Week beginning 17th September – Year 6 boosters starts
Wednesday 26th September – Bring a Significant Male to school day
Week beginning 8th October – World Week
Friday 19th October – Last day of half term
22nd– 26th October – Half term

Homework

Literacy and Numeracy homework will be sent out **every Thursday**. The class teacher will collect homework from the children on **Monday mornings**. Spellings will be sent out every Thursday and tested the following Thursday. Home readers need to be completed daily and signed weekly by a Parent/Carer.

PE

This term the children will be exploring indoor games and how we can use different forms of exercise to keep fit. Children must bring their **complete PE kit every Friday**.

Year Six Autumn 1 Term Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of an exciting year at Orchard Primary School! We hope you all had a restful holiday and are ready to dive into the new term!

We have lots of interesting and new topics to cover this term with a particular focus on 'The Galapagos, Charles Darwin and Evolution. Please ensure that your child is reading and practising times tables every evening. Remember practise makes perfect!

Should you have any concerns or wish to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to speak to us. 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 to working with you and your child.

Thammana Hussain, Graeme Farquhar and Zammedin Siddique
Year 6 Team

As writers we will be exploring texts in detail and looking at how we can develop our writing skills. This term, 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 subject knowledge to enhance our writing.

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.

As Scientists we will be looking at how living things have changed over a long period of time, adapting to suit their varying environments. Furthermore, we will be exploring fossils and their evolutionary clues to the past. We will also be investigating genetics and the inheritance of different characteristics that we receive from our parents and family.

Numeracy

Number, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division.

Science and DT

Evolution and Inheritance

Evolution



ICT

Digital Literacy
Film
Media player

Literacy

Recounts, Reports, Short Stories.

The Arts

Painting:
Galapagos

Humanities

Darwin and the Galapagos Islands

Physical Development

Games

MUSIC

We will compose and perform music.

We will be learning to play basketball, which will develop use of tactics and following rules. Children will have the opportunity to select and combine a range of skills.

As Historians, we will be exploring Darwin's theory of evolution and its explanation of how different species of living things have changed over geological time. We will evaluate a range of artefacts and learn about the species he discovered on the Galapagos Islands.

As artists we will show an awareness of how paintings are created (composition) using the Galapagos Islands as our inspiration. We will choose appropriate paint, paper and implements to adapt and extend work.

PSHE & RE
RE: What does religion teach us about looking after the world?
PSHCE: Being Responsible: Rules, rights and responsibilities
Learning to learn