



Orchard Class

Term 6

This term's focus topic is:
"Our Beautiful World"

Literacy

Handwriting is going to be this term's first focus, really encouraging the correct formation and orientation of all letters. We will also continue a big push on writing and sentence structure this term, particularly for the children getting ready to move up in September - developing as much independence as possible.

Weekly guided reading and independent reading sessions will continue as usual this term as we would like this to be as fluent and independent as possible before September too.

The words sent home today on the castle laminated sheet are extremely key and we will be focusing on these throughout our phonics and spelling sessions. There will no longer be a set test each week, but we will have a challenge each day based on these words. Please encourage your child to learn these through reading as well as writing by playing games with the words i.e. fastest finger first or who can read the most etc.

Mathematics

Recognising 2D shapes within 3D shapes is going to start off this term's Maths work, thinking about the specific vocabulary we use to name and describe these. We will then move onto simple multiplication and division in practical ways by grouping or sharing - in order to get ready for Maths in Key Stage One. Before the end of term we hope to have a real good recap of all things Maths in order to make the transition as easy as possible.

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Keeping safe in the sunshine is the main thought for this term. We will be talking about the right/wrong actions in different scenarios and learning how to look after ourselves.

We will also be encouraging confidence ready for September's transition - move up afternoon will be a key PSED experience for the children and we will be completing lots of activities telling our new teachers what we want them to know about us.

Understanding the World

"Our World" lends itself well to this area of learning and I am sure the children will have lots of questions to ask about the world in which we live. We will be focusing on the seaside in particular, encouraging children to talk about their own experiences but we will also be learning about how holidays at the seaside have changed over time. We will also look at creatures that live in the sea and the ocean as a habitat.

Expressive Arts & Design

The children are going to be investigating different materials this term in their creative work whilst making crafts and collages based around the seaside. We will also be learning about music and musical instruments, experimenting with creating sounds and tapping out a beat.

Physical Development

Sports evening is around the corner so we will be eagerly practising towards this as well as continuing our weekly swimming lessons which the children are already doing amazingly well in.



Dates for your Diary



Monday 6th June - After School Clubs begin

Wednesday 22nd June - Sports Day Afternoon 1pm

Wednesday 29th June - Sports Day Reserve Afternoon 1pm

Thursday 7th July - New Reception starters in Orchard for the morning

Thursday 14th July - New Reception starters in Orchard for the morning

Monday 18th July - "Move up afternoon" for all children in school (Children will return to their usual classes for the end of the day)

Monday 18th July - Transition Parents Meetings (3.30pm start in classrooms)

Friday 22nd July - Last day of term & Leavers Assembly - School finishes today at 2pm.



Just a few reminders



Hot weather - As Summer is finally with us please could all children be provided with a named sunhat whilst they are in school and we would appreciate it if all children could have long lasting sun cream applied before school as we love being in the outdoors. Our school uniform policy also states that open toed sandals are not permitted within school please as these are unsafe for children who decide to play on the outdoor equipment.

Sports Day - Our sports day event as stated above is a whole school event and will take place on our school field. On this day please could your child bring a t-shirt, the same colour as their house team (Newton—Yellow, Flinders—Blue, Bolingbroke—Green or Tennyson—Red) with them in their school book bag which they can wear with their PE shorts from their PE bag. This makes the event more fun and allows children in other classes to cheer on all children from their team. If you are not sure on your child's team, it is noted in the front of their Home/School diary or please feel free to check with myself or Mrs Devine. This t-shirt does not have to be plain, just any t-shirt they have predominantly the colour of their house team.

This term our PE afternoon is on a Monday but please could all children have the PE kits in school all week as we may fit in extra practices ready for Sports Day if we can. Many thanks.

End of Term - I can't believe another school year has almost passed already! But as we all know, the end of the school year is a busy time but also an exciting time. The children have been so busy and like to bring so much home to show you that we find it extremely useful if all children can be provided with a named carrier bag for all their belongings on the last day of term. We are able to sort all their books, folders, crafts etc into their bags so home time is much easier and stress free for all involved.

I know we still have 7 weeks to go but I wish all the Reception children good luck in their future and I know they are all ready and will cope brilliantly with their move up to the next class.

Thank you to all parents too for all your kind support throughout the year, it is very much appreciated.