

Welcome to Term 5 in Orchard Class

Below is a brief outline of the key learning that will be taking place within Orchard class over this term.

Problem Solving, Reasoning & Number

Time - Days, Months, Seasons
Addition within 20
Subtraction within 20
Measuring Weight

Personal, Social, Emotional Development

Healthy Eating - Plants we eat
Friendships continued
St George's Day Traditions

Literacy

Phase 3 Phonics Recap
Phase 3 Tricky Words
Non-fiction books
Writing labels, lists and captions

Plants & Mini-beasts

Creative Development

Leaf rubbings
Nature collages
Mini-beast drawings

Knowledge & Understanding of the World

Parts of a plant
Plants we eat - growing our own
Mini-beasts - naming, fact finding, life cycles
Mini-beast habitats

Physical Development

Sports Day Athletics practice
Running and chasing games
Controlling a ball continued



Focus books for this term: "Snail trail," "The Hungry Caterpillar," "Watch Me Grow," Book Series, "The Tiny Seed," "Jack and the Incredibly Mean Stalk."

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th April - First Day of Term 5

Thursday 22nd April - Multi-Skills After School Club to start for EYFS & KSI (Please see after schools club letter from Term 4)

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday Monday

Tuesday 25th May & Wednesday 26th May - Parents Evening (Letter to follow)

Friday 28th May - Last day of Term 5

Monday 7th June - First Day of Term 6

Wednesday 21st July - Last Day of School Year

A Few Notes

Safety in the sun

As we may be in for some better weather during this term (fingers crossed), I'm sure the children will be even more enthusiastic about "getting busy" outdoors and as you know we have an open door policy within Orchard class, which allows this constantly. Please could all children be provided with a named sun hat and have 24 hour sun-cream applied before they come to school, throughout these warmer months. A reminder also that open toed sandals are not permitted within our school uniform policy as they are unsafe on our climbing equipment at break times. Many thanks.

Reading Books

We are going to be having a real push on our Phonics and in particular our reading skills this term so we would really appreciate it if this could also be encouraged at home as much as possible too. Every child in Orchard class has an individual reading book that they bring home every day and these get changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday when their reading records show that the children has read their book. Please do write in your child's reading record, every time your child has read at home and let us know how they managed with the book they have been given - this is really useful feedback for us at school. Thank you.

Mini-beast hotels

As part of our learning this term, we are going to be looking closely at habitats for bugs and we are going to be developing the mini-beast hotels which have been added to our School Nature Area. If anyone has any of the following items which would be really useful for us to use within these bug houses, we would really appreciate them during the week commencing Monday 3rd May:

- Bamboo - old bricks - old tiles - small logs - straw/hay - bark - hollow tubing - corrugated card - fir cones