

Key Stage 1 - Newsletter

Welcome to the summer term at Orchard.
We are all looking forward to the fun filled, action packed events of the summer term. We also welcome Miss Fawcett back to 2JT to complete her teacher training.



Curriculum Focus

For the whole Summer Term our topic will be 'The Enchanted Woodland'. This is a brand new topic for our Key Stage One children that we hope they will all enjoy. It will be broken down to look at the following different topic areas:



Science - We will be identifying different plants, trees and flowers and carrying out lots of planting activities in the Orchard outdoor areas. We will also be looking at woodland habitats and which animals live in them.

Geography - Local study work focusing on using maps and aerial photographs of the local environment.



Computing - 'We are Painters' unit creating digital images on a variety of programs. We will also be using the cameras and iPads to photograph plants, flowers and trees when we are out and about.

Art and DT - Exploring sculpture and outdoor art. Looking at the Artist Andy Goldsworthy. Using different textiles to weave.



History - Looking at Robin Hood - exploring the legend and where he lived - Sherwood Forest.

Music - We will be making a castanet from recycled materials and using this to make music and participate in our whole school Ten Pieces music day.



PSHE - How we can all help to look after the environment and its habitats. We will also be linking our **RE** work to this and throughout the term will be looking at identity and belonging and how to respond sensitively to others.



SATs

This term is a very important one, especially for the Year 2 children. In May they will be taking the Year 2 SATs. We would ask all parents not to worry about them and would like to let you know that in no way will your child be made to worry about them. Your child's class teacher will not make an issue of them. The children will not even know they are taking them until the day they come to school!!

COOKING - We will again be baking and cooking with children throughout the coming term. We would appreciate a voluntary £2 donation towards the cost of ingredients. (This should be sent to school to your child's class teacher in a named, sealed envelope)

P.E - your child will participate in PE sessions **every week** which include Games, Gym and Dance.

Please make sure your child has a full PE kit - top, shorts, jogging bottoms, plimsolls/trainers (all named)

All Key Stage One classes have PE on a Monday afternoon with Mr. Davies



Dates to Remember



- Monday 29th April - Workshop in school
- Tuesday 14th May - Walesby parents meeting - Hall 5pm
- Friday 24th May - INSET School Closed
- Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - School Closed - HALF TERM
- Tuesday 4th June - KS1 visit Palace Theatre Puss in Boots Northern Ballet
- Thursday 6th June - Potted Sports Day
- Thursday 14th June - Reception and Key Stage One 'Orchards Got Talent'
- Friday 14th June - Father's Day breakfast
- Monday 17th June - Ten Pieces Day - Music/ Dance/ Art event for the whole school.
- Tuesday 25th June - Years 1 and 2 Sports Day
- Thursday 27th June/ Friday 28th June - Y2 Residential Walesby
- Wednesday 3rd July - last swimming session
- Thursday 18th July - Teddy Bears Picnic
- Wednesday 24th July - Last Day - Break up for Summer Holidays

A Little Note



Reading

Thank you for all your help and support in school over the last term, we really enjoy and appreciate any **parent helpers** that can come in and help with listening to children read. If you are available to do so please see your child's class teacher.

It really does make a HUGE difference!

Remember reading at home is very important! Sign and date your child's reading diary at least 3 times a week, so that they can get a star from their class teacher.



Swimming

For health and safety reasons it is vital that each class has two swimming observers. If you are able to help on a regular basis please see your child's class teacher ASAP.

Earrings are **NOT ALLOWED** to be worn for swimming and PE and we would advise that you see your child's teacher for more information.



Homework

Your child will continue to bring homework home at least once a week. This will consist of spellings and reading books - please remember that the choosing books can be changed at any time by yourself or your child. It may also consist of an appropriate written/phonics or practical maths task or Times Table Rockstars/ Education City.

