

It is lovely to see you all back after your busy half term. We hope you enjoyed our drop in sessions in class as much as the children enjoyed sharing their work with you. The children were all keen to jump into the pool and get involved during our swimming lessons on Monday and Tuesday. They all behaved impeccably and are have now been placed in ability groups.

In class, we have finished our newspaper articles on the construction of the Great Wall of China - do come and have a look! We have started diary writing this week. In maths, we have looked at fractions and decimals moving into money. In our topic time we watched some spectacular video clips of volcanic eruptions to kick start our new topic.

We have all enjoyed making terracotta warriors out of clay. These will be displayed in the school foyer, in front of the hall.

### **Homework**

Please encourage your child to complete the decimals homework sheet we are sending home. This work will reinforce our class work and enhance their understanding of the concept.

Next Friday, we will be testing the children on their 8 and 9 times tables. Please encourage them to look back at their previous homework sheets for revision.

### **Wanted**

We are still looking for donations of clean, 500ml plastic water bottles and unwanted newspapers to use next half term.

### **Swimming Lessons**

Don't forget your swimming costumes/trunks and towels for our lessons next week.

### **World Book Day - Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

To celebrate World Book Day, if the children would like to, they can come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring the book into school to share with the class (don't forget to put your name in it). During the day we have planned some fun activities to encourage the children to read for pleasure.

### **Extreme Reading Challenge - Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Mrs Butler is running an Extreme Reading Challenge. Winners of the most unusual (but safe) place to enjoy reading a book will receive a prize or a voucher to use at the Book Fair, coming soon. If your child would like to take part they should bring in a photo of themselves reading in an unusual place, together with a short description of the book they were reading. Winners will be announced during assembly.

### **Paperless weekly letter**

In our efforts to be more eco-friendly we are encouraging parents to provide us with an email address so that we can send information, such as this, via email. Paper copies are sent out to parents who do not have an email address or who have expressly asked for a hardcopy. From next Friday years 3/4 will be emailing our weekly letter to you. Please don't forget to update new email addresses with the office.

**Lunch menu for next week is 'Week Three'.**

### **Diary Dates**

Have you visited our website lately for the school calendars 2017/18 news of school events [www.ovschool.co.uk](http://www.ovschool.co.uk).

Thur, 8<sup>th</sup>, Fri, 9<sup>th</sup>, Mon, 12<sup>th</sup> and Tue, 13<sup>th</sup> March - Book Fair.

Fri, 16<sup>th</sup> Mar - Friends of Orchard Vale - Family Quiz Night

Wed, 28<sup>th</sup> Mar - Easter Bonnet and cake competition.

Thur, 29<sup>th</sup> March - Last day

Fri, 30<sup>th</sup> March to Fri, 13<sup>th</sup> April - Easter holidays.

Have a great weekend. Miss Gulliford      Mrs Grimwood      Mr Luttman      Mr Huggins