

We have had a busy week launching into our new topics and continuing our assessments of the children. The children have enjoyed designing their own Christmas Card, which parents can order and in turn raise money for the school.

Spellings

The children will be bringing home their first set of spellings this week. These need to be practiced at home for the test on a Friday.

Times table

Thank you all for the tremendous effort you have made in supporting the children to learn their times tables. It is important for your child to know their times tables in and out of order within quick succession and is a vital key skill. The website: www.mathstest.org is one of many helpful websites to support their learning in this area.

Homework

Homework books **MUST** be in school on a Friday as we use them to complete the childrens' tests in the back. Parents are then able to see how well their child has doing.

Homework can be shared any day in class - please hand this to your class teacher - we love to see this and celebrate the children's hard work!

Reading books

These can be changed on ANY day - please let your class teacher know when you need to change your book.

End of day - please ensure that if your child is being collected by a different adult that you tell the class teacher. If your child is after school club the teacher will also need to know this.

P.E kit - for health and safety reasons children must have a suitable PE Kit in school for their PE sessions on Monday and Tuesday. This consists of a white t-shirt, blue shorts/joggers and trainers.

Labelling Uniform - Please could you ensure all of your child's clothes are clearly labelled. We have already had some items misplaced due to lack of labelling. In Key Stage 2 children are encouraged to be responsible for their own property and this is helped if things have names in them.

Forest school - Please could you ensure wellies and waterproof coats are in school for our forest school sessions; which go ahead whatever the weather. Mr Whapham's class - Wednesday; Miss Gulliford's class - Thursday; Mrs Johnson's class - Friday.

Bronze Age Roundhouse experience - Wednesday, 26th and Thursday, 27th September

Thank you for your speedy response in returning your permission slips and payments for this wonderful trip. If you have not already done so please let us have them as soon as possible.

Christmas card designs

The children have been busy designing their own Christmas cards which you are able to order. The design and order sheet will be sent home shortly. Orders and payments will need to be with Mrs Manley by Friday, 28th September. Payment can be made in cash or via Parentpay. We anticipate orders being received by the beginning of December.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Diary Dates (don't forget to check the school website, www.ovschool.co.uk for up to date information)

Thur, 11th October - Friends of Orchard Vale - School Disco (more details to come)

Thur, 18th October - School photos (more details to come)

Fri, 19th October - Non Pupil Day

Mon, 22nd to Fri, 26th October - Half Term