

Inspiring you to be great



**Great Orton Primary
School
Great Orton
Carlisle
Cumbria CA5 6NA**

Tel: 01228 711602

**Headteacher
Mr J A T Robertson
B.Sc (Hon) PGCE NPQH**

Weekly Curriculum Newsletter – Wk beginning 19th November 2018
(Lunch Menu -Week 1)

Our School Council Children In Need Events proved popular and along with our non-uniform collection, they are hoping to have raised a tidy amount – the total will be announced next week. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

This week is Road Safety Week in school. To support our Walking Bus Scheme we are now actively involving our school in the local authority rewards scheme from today. From Monday, pupils using the bus now have a large walk record display wall chart in the school hall, activity booklets they can enjoy and they will receive a certificate and badge at the end of each full school term to reward their health and safety commitment.

Our school Christmas production practices are well underway now and each Monday we have a pianist who comes in to work on the songs with the children. We think this year's performance will be amazing, so do keep the date free folks (see dates section). Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings are ALL welcome.

Our Parents Evening is next week (see dates section) please return your appointment preference slip as soon as possible.

The whole school are celebrating Christmas at Walby Farm Park again this year and the day will be subsidised through the proceeds from 2017–18 PTA fundraising profits. The Walby date is included over leaf.

REMINDER: Full school P.E. uniform only for weekly sessions and after school clubs. A recent check evidenced some definitely not regulatory P.E. uniform – we ask you follow school rules.

Weekly Curriculum Overview: Class 1 (Miss Shannon / Mrs Salkeld)

Literacy: we shall be looking at a new book "The day the crayons quit" with a focus on letter writing.

Phonics: we will continue to work through phases 3 and 5 of phonics. Our focus will be on digraphs and alternative spellings of sounds

Maths: we are continuing to look at multiplication and division



Weekly Curriculum Overview: Class 2 (Mrs Thomson / Miss Painter / Mrs Glencross)

Literacy: will be going to look at different plays written by William Shakespeare, using 'Bravo, Mr William Shakespeare' by Marcia Williams. We will explore the different ideas in the play and then write a letter to one of the main characters of the story. In Year 2, we will be using different sentence types, in Year 3, we will be extending our sentences using conjunctions and in Year 4, we will be using exciting sentence openers.

We will now have guided reading on Wednesday as part of our literacy session and we are using the Oxford Owl Explore books.

Numeracy: we are continuing to develop our addition and subtraction skills using jottings, number lines and column addition and subtraction.

Weekly Curriculum Overview: Class 3 (Mr Robertson / Mrs Nolan)

Literacy: we will be interpreting different poems and concentrating upon the difficult tasks of interpretation and deduction of poems. We will be starting to write poems from a number of different viewpoints.

Guided reading books: texts remain as they were for last week: 'Goodnight Mr. Tom for Year Six', 'The Diary of Anne Frank' for Year Four and 'The Dream Maker' for years four and Five.

Spellings: will be of longer polysyllabic words this week and those with silent letters.

Numeracy: we will be continuing with our work on fractions and linking this to division. We will be increasing our knowledge of division to a more formal method and will be using this more compact method to calculate different division problems. We will be continuing to learn how to simplify fractions and working out all kinds of manipulations with fractions (add, subtract, times and divide) to ensure that we are able to perform these tasks.

Diary dates

29th November: Parents Evening

6th December: Christmas Craft afternoon- all three classes – Parents welcome – more details to follow.

11th December: Christmas Service in school at 2:00 p.m. – Parents welcome.

12th December: Christmas Lunch in school.

13th December: Walby Christmas Whole School Day

17th December: Dress Rehearsal.

19th December: Christmas concert in Village Hall at 1:30 p.m.

20th December: Class Christmas Parties.

21st December: Video Day. School closes at 1:00 p.m. for Christmas break.

School Uniform

School uniform should now be ordered direct from our supplier at

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/GreatOrtonSchoolCA56NA>

Our Breakfast Club is asking for donations of any board or box games/ jigsaws your child may no longer play at home – now is a great time to have a clear out before Santa arrives with new ones!

REMEMBER our weekly Monday Superstar assembly at 9.10am – all welcome.

Have a fun weekend and relax together as a family.

