



The Orchards Primary Academy

Where learning has no limits and personal growth is endless...

Curriculum Newsletter for Autumn 1

Reception

Welcome to The Orchards Primary Academy and the first half of the Autumn Term. Please see an outline of some of the exciting things happening this half term. Should you have any questions, worries or concerns, please see Miss Perkins or Mrs. Whitehouse.

Literacy	In Phonics, we follow the Read, Write, Inc. programme. When starting the programme, your children will learn a new sound every day corresponding to a memorable picture and rhyme. Children will then begin to blend oral sounds then progress to reading the letters and blending them together to read the word. Phonics video links and reading books corresponding with your child's reading level will be available via our school story on class Dojo. In Literacy sessions we will follow our Reading Spine using the 5 R's approach. Your child will be immersed in a variety of different stories and learn them through oracy activities, rehearsal and repetition.
Maths	In Math's, we will follow The Ark Math's Mastery approach and develop early mathematical experiences. This half term the children will focus on classifying objects based on one attribute, matching equal and unequal sets, comparing objects and sets and ordering objects and sets.
PE	In PE, our professional sports coach will take the children for sessions every Wednesday. They will begin their sessions with an introduction to PE learning through the topic of 'Fantasy and Adventure.' They will spend time learning basic principles such as spatial awareness, freezing on command and using and sharing equipment. They will also learn fundamental movement skills such as running, jumping and skipping.
PSHE	In PSHE, our topic for this half-term is 'Being in my world'. The children will learn about and explore self-identity, understanding feelings, being in a classroom, being gentle and rights and responsibilities.
Expressive Art and Design	In DT, the children will explore our Structure topic by learning how to explore and use one handed tools and resources safely and efficiently to



	<p>create their desired effect.</p> <p>In Art, the children will have access to our painting and craft area throughout continuous provision and will be encouraged to explore mark-making through a variety of different media.</p> <p>In Music, the children will begin to explore vocal sounds and instruments through our unit 'Exploring sound.'</p>
Understanding the World	<p>Our Understanding the World learning will link to our literacy learning as we explore our books in greater detail. The children will also learn about each other's lives and talk about members of their immediate family and community. They will then begin to understand the difference between past and present and is build up knowledge of key historical events through topics, stories and community events, e.g. Bonfire Night, Halloween and Remembrance Day.</p>

Home Learning:

- Reading books go home every Friday and are to be returned the following Thursday so that we can ensure your child's book is read again in class and swapped. Phonics books/ videos linked to your child's reading level will be available on class Dojo. Please read with your child 3 times per week and record in their reading diary.

PE Days:

Reception have PE every Wednesday with our professional sports coach.

- Polite reminder that PE kit should be plain black bottoms, a white polo shirt or t-shirt, a plain black hoodie and black pumps or trainers.