



The Orchards Primary Academy

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

Curriculum Newsletter for Autumn 2

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. Your children will continue to 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 numbers up to 6. They will learn one more and one less, conservation of number, addition and subtraction, shape sorting and measures.
PE	In PE, our professional sports coach will take the children for sessions every Wednesday. Their next unit is Ball Skills where children will develop fundamental skills through the topic of Mini Beasts. This will include rolling, catching, bouncing dribbling and kicking whilst further developing their gross-motor skills.
PSHE	In PSHE, our topic for this half-term is 'Celebrating Difference'. This unit is all about accepting others for who they are, including others when playing and working, understanding bullying, using kind words and solving problems.

Expressive Art and Design

In Art, the children will move on to their next unit 'Drawing Marvellous Marks.' In this unit they will discover the different marks they can make using wax crayons, pencil crayons, pencils and chalk. They will then develop their skills to create observational drawings linked to our Curriculum Promise artist, Picasso.

Understanding the World

Our Understanding the World learning will link to our literacy learning as we explore our books in greater detail. This will include Space, Superheroes and Christianity. The children will also learn about each the celebration of Christmas and perform our Phase 1 Nativity to parents and carers linked to The Christmas Story. Children will also attend a magical trip to see Santa in December.



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.