



The Orchards Primary Academy

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

Curriculum Newsletter for Autumn term 1

Year 3

Welcome to 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 Palmer or our phase leader Miss Bayley.



Mathematics	We have been learning about number sense for the past few weeks and are about to move onto looking at number and place value. We will be learning how to identify three digit numbers and how we can represent them.
Writing	<p>Currently in writing we have been learning about the place value of grammar, covering common and proper nouns, regular and irregular verbs and conjunctions.</p> <p>Throughout our writing we use VCOP to help us identify WOW words, conjunctions, openers and punctuation within our writing. Children highlight these in their writing to help them to spot what they're using well to make what they write interesting.</p> <p>Vocabulary Conjunctions Openers Punctuation</p>



Reading	Some of the class are still going to phonics sessions to consolidate their prior learning and the rest of the class are focusing on answering a range of comprehension questions from different styles of texts. We look at retrieval, inference, summarise and vocabulary questions. Each day we focus on a different type of question to gain confidence in all of the different reading domains.
Science	In Science, we are looking at health and movement including humans and animals. Over the past few weeks we have been looking at balanced diets and different food groups.
History	In history, we are learning all about the stone age, we are looking at the changes from the Mesolithic and paleolithic eras, and how people would survive.
PE	Gymnastics and fundamentals
Art	Sculpture and 3D: Abstract Space and Shape
Design Technology	Digital world: Wearable technology
Computing	Networks: A journey inside a computer
Music	Mr. Hughes, our talented music teacher is working with year 3 in their music lessons
French	French greetings
Religious Education	Hinduism - Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?
PSHE	Being me in my world

Home Learning:

- Homework is handed out weekly and should be returned the following Monday. Homework is: Math's 'Quick 10' which are quick quizzes of key skills; grammar homework linked to in school grammar lessons; 10 spellings to practise before assessment day.

PE

- Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday . Plain black bottoms, a white polo shirt or t-shirt, a plain black hoodie and black pumps or trainers.