



# The Orchards Primary Academy

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

## Curriculum Newsletter for Autumn Term 1

### Year 6

Welcome back to the new school year. We are really looking forward to working with your children. Please see an outline of some of the exciting things happening this half term. Should you have any questions, worries or concerns, please see their Class Teacher and Phase Leader, Mrs Bayley. The other members of staff that will also be supporting your children are: Miss Moore, Miss Flynn and Ms Whitehouse.



Mathematics	We begin every year by focusing on the importance of place value. We will then be moving onto addition/subtraction and multiplication/division. We are continually improving their arithmetic by daily Tough Tens, 99 Club Times Tables and arithmetic each week.
Writing	In writing, we are building on the basic knowledge of accurate sentence construction by completing a Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar unit. We will then be using a high-quality text to begin narrative and non-fiction writing using an array of VCOP skills.
Reading	Our new reading approach will see the children being introduced to a high-quality text where they will be involved in paired reading, group reading and independent reading. They will take part in a weekly domain lesson where they will work on SATs style reading skills.
Science	In Science, we will be revisiting electricity in more detail. They will be using materials to build their own circuits and will be learning how batteries



	can increase or decrease light/sound. They will also be able to recall the symbols linked to circuits.
History	We are learning all about World War II and the impact that it had on the United Kingdom. They will also be finding out the importance of the RAF (Royal Air Force) and the major victories that led to Britain winning the war.
PE	The children have a weekly PE session with a sports coach, who will be teaching them the skills of football. In their second session, they will be taking part in fitness activities.
Design Technology	In our unit this term, the children will be designing and making waistcoats. They will learn how to use a template to mark and cut out a design, use a running stitch to join fabric to make a functional waistcoat and finally, attach fastenings, as well as decorative objects.
Computing	They will be discovering the history of computers, designing the computer of the future and learning about code-breaking and password hacking.
Music	The children will be learning about the different types of music styles and songs linked to the period during World War II.
French	During our French lessons, the children will be learning about language linked to French sport and the Olympics.
Religious Education	We will be learning about the Islamic religion. The children will understand the key beliefs, places of worship and important places.
PSHE	Our theme this term is 'Being me in my world'. In this unit, the children will be identifying goals for the year, learning about global citizenship, their rights and choices, along with consequences and rewards. We will look at what 'Democracy' means and discuss anti-social behaviours and how to be a good role-model.

#### Home Learning:

- Homework is handed out weekly on a Monday and should be returned the following Monday. This will be a range of English, Maths and Spelling activities.

#### PE

- Year 6 PE is on Monday and Thursday.
- Please make sure that they come to school in the correct PE kit- **plain black bottoms, coloured 'house' t-shirt, coloured 'house' hoodie (or plain black hoodie) and black pumps or trainers.**
  - All earrings and jewellery must be removed prior to their PE sessions.