



The Orchards Primary Academy

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

Curriculum Newsletter for Spring Term 1

Year 6

Welcome back to our second term. We hope you all had a wonderful time with your family and friends over the holiday period. With my new role as Principal and Year 6 teacher, we have secured Mr Palmer (who has been a Year 6 teacher for many, many years) to work for two days in Year 6. The children have already been working with him over the past month, and he has built a wonderful relationship with them. Please see an outline of some of the exciting things happening this half term. As we are nearing SATs, we will be concentrating on preparing the children by delivering revision sessions in the afternoon timetable. This will mean that some subjects will be blocked either towards the end of this term, or after SATs in May. Should you have any questions, worries or concerns, please see Mrs Bayley (Phase Leader), Mr Palmer, or Ms Whitehouse.



Mathematics	We will be revisiting the skills required to complete the SATs arithmetic paper alongside fractions, decimals and percentages. We will then be moving onto area, perimeter, volume and ratio and applying skills taught to the reasoning papers. We are continually improving their arithmetic by daily Tough Tens, Times Tables and arithmetic each week.
Writing	This term, our text is 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen. An interesting science-fiction tale, which focuses on friendship, loyalty and bravery, beautifully told in the voice of a lonely young boy struggling to make sense of all that is going on around him. This will be the stimulus for writing a non-chronological report, letter and a narrative story.



Reading	This term during our reading sessions, we will be focusing on the skills required for the SATs paper. This will include tips on how to answer questions and regular fluency activities to increase their reading speed.
Science	In Science, we will continue our study of light before moving onto classifying organisms.
PE	The children have a weekly PE session with a sports coach, who will be teaching them the skills of basketball. Children must wear their school PE kit: coloured house top/hoody and black bottoms/shorts. PE is on MONDAY and THURSDAY
Art	Our topic is 'Playground'. During this, they will be designing and making three new playground structures using a variety of materials.
Religious Education	We will be looking at the Christian enquiry question: 'Is anything ever eternal?'
PSHE	We will be looking at personal learning goals, in and out of school. The focus will be on: Emotions in success, making a difference in the world, motivation and recognising achievements and compliments.

Home Learning:

- Homework is handed out weekly on a Monday and should be returned the following Monday.
 - Children will also have a Mathletics assignment to complete weekly.