



The Orchards Primary Academy

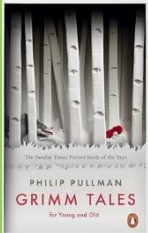
Where learning has no limits and personal growth is endless...

Curriculum Newsletter for Spring Term 2

Year 6

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring Term. We have some wonderful activities planned for this half term. There are only 9 more weeks before SATs week, which will begin on Monday 11th - Friday 15th May. To give the children the best opportunities, we will continue to deliver revision sessions in the afternoon. Should you have any questions, worries or concerns, please see Mrs Bayley (Phase Leader), Mr Palmer, or Ms Whitehouse



Mathematics		We have the following topics to cover this term: ratio, algebra, statistics, bar charts, pie charts, quadrants, translations and reflections. We are continually improving their arithmetic by daily Tough Tens, 99 Club Times Tables and arithmetic each week.
Writing		This term, our text is 'Grimm Tales' by Philip Pullman. A beautiful book of classic fairy tales, award-winning author Philip Pullman has chosen his fifty favourite stories. I hope that these new versions will have them reading, reading aloud and rereading them for many years to come. They show the adventures at their most lucid and engaging yet.
Reading		This term during our reading sessions, we will be focusing on the skills required to aid them in answering test style questions. We will use the text 'The boy in the tower' to complete these activities, along with revision sessions to analyse texts deeply.
Science		To celebrate National Science Day, we will be taking part in a wonderful Science Workshop delivered by 'Science Boffins'.

PE	The children have a weekly PE session with a sports coach, who will be teaching them the skills of volleyball.
Art	We will be blocking our Art/D&T units to be completed after SATs in May. They will be looking at 3D structures and photography.
Religious Education	We will be focusing on the theme of Easter and answering the key question: Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?
PSHE	We will be focusing on their emotional and mental health and looking at ways in which they can manage stress.

Home Learning:

- Homework is handed out weekly on a Monday and should be returned the following Monday. There is also a weekly set of spellings that the children will be tested on Monday morning. **Please encourage your child to access [mathsbot.com](https://www.mathsbot.com) where they can focus on specific areas they find difficult.**

- **HOME-LEARNING PROJECT**

As the children have loved the book 'The Boy in the Tower', I would like them to recreate a scene from the book using a 'Book in a Box' (see images below).



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, house coloured polo shirt or t-shirt, house coloured hoodie and black pumps or trainers. **Children will be given uniform from school to wear if they come in inappropriate sportswear.** All earrings and jewelry must be removed prior to their PE sessions.