

Autumn Term 2

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

English

Orchid Class are taking a different approach to English lessons this half term. We will be taking part in 'Drawing Club' – this is a playful and imaginative approach to early literacy that invites children to explore stories through drawing, storytelling, and rich language. Each session begins with a tale—often a picture book or short film—which children then use as inspiration to create their own characters, settings, and magical adventures. With a focus on joy, creativity, and vocabulary-building, Drawing Club helps young learners develop confidence in writing and storytelling while having fun with their ideas.

We are reading...



Phonics or Reading lessons happen daily.

Regular reading, of books brought home and others, will support fluency and confidence.

Maths

KS1 pupils will develop their confidence with number calculations by practising addition and subtraction within 20. They will work towards fluently adding and subtracting numbers up to 10, and begin exploring addition and subtraction with two-digit numbers. Foundation are focusing on their counting skills and understanding the 'fiveness of 5'. They will also compare sets by matching, use mathematical and begin to explore the concept of whole and part.

R.E.

Children will continue to explore the key question: Has Christmas lost its true meaning? This enquiry investigates the meaning of Christmas to Christians and examines the elements we see both with the Christmas story in the Bible, and Christmas today.

Science

The children will continue to learn about animals, including humans. Scientists group animals according to their features. The children will learn that animals can be grouped according to their features and diets.

They will also be learning to observe how the seasons change throughout the year and describe the typical weather patterns of each one. They explore how the length of daylight varies across the seasons and investigate how these changes affect animals, including behaviours like migration and hibernation.



History

The 'Discovering History' unit introduces children to discipline of history and creates a solid foundation to help our children understand what a historian is, what an archaeologist is, and how sources and evidence help in uncovering facts about the past. Our key objective for this unit is for all pupils to understand that history is the story of the past.

PE

This half term, EYFS and KS1 children will explore the basics of tag rugby through fun activities that build their running, dodging, and teamwork skills. They'll also learn how to play simple games using tags, helping them understand the idea of attacking and defending in a playful way.

Music

The class will be learning about tempo. Using bodies and instruments to listen and respond to pieces of music with fast and slow speeds; learn and perform a rhyme and a song focussing on fast and slow. The children will explore how music can help you tell a story.

PSHE

Celebrating difference:

- Judging by Appearances
- Understanding influences
- Understanding Bullying
- Problem-solving
- Special Me
- Celebrating Difference: how we look

DT

The children will design and make a festive jam to sell at the Christmas fair. They will taste test different flavours, create their own recipe, design a label, and consider pricing and budgeting to make their product appealing and cost-effective.

Computing

This half term, the children will begin to understand algorithms by learning how to give clear, step-by-step instructions to complete simple tasks. Through fun activities like sequencing actions or directing a robot, they'll explore how computers follow instructions to solve problems.