



Orleans Primary School

Year Two Curriculum Letter



Welcome to our Autumn Term Curriculum Letter. We hope you find the information useful but also keep an eye on our section of the school website as we are aiming to use this space to keep you updated on helpful curriculum hints and tips!

English

Developing our reading fluency and comprehension skills continues on from Year One, as do our Key Words. Remember children need to be able to write them from memory before being moved on to the next set.

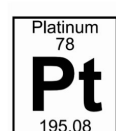
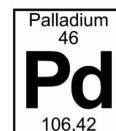
Our first fiction unit focusses on the text 'Maisie and the Dragon'. This unit involves the children writing a recount from one of the characters' perspectives. Our non-fiction unit involves us reading different sets of instructions and investigating what makes a good set of instructions.

Our daily phonics lessons continue also!

Maths

Maths Mastery continues in Year Two. We consolidate some of the addition and subtraction facts that we learnt in Year One and move on to provide a wider variety of strategies for solving calculations. We develop a greater understanding of mental calculations and how they help us to develop fluency in our learning.

We begin our Times Table journey and new KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts). Please keep on practicing these at home.



Science

Our Science topic this term concentrates on Plants and Habitats. Children will learn to use data collection methods to record their findings. We will also learn about seed dispersal, explore life cycles and explore how animals change over time. We will also learn about the complex nature of food chains.

History and Geography

Children discover historical facts about the Great Fire of London and explore artifacts and secondary sources related to the event.

In Geography we will be investigating 'Life in the Freezer'. We will be discovering information about the polar zones and how people/animals exist in these glacial regions.

Computing

The children will investigate themes such as E-Safety, Computer Rules and Good Internet Research. This will equip the children with the skills to use computers and the internet safely. They will then investigate the theme of algorithms. We are going to be using software to control a character with a series of instructions in the role of a 'Programmer'.



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Art & DT

'Picture this' and 'Puppets' are our creative projects for this term. We study artwork from the Great Fire of London and recreate our own versions. In our DT Puppets topic, we go through the whole design process from start to finish. Bodkins at the ready!

Cultures and Faiths

In RE this half term, children are learning about the many aspects of the Jewish religion and about the festival of 'Harvest'. The children will be learning a song for the Harvest Festival. Then we will be focussing on the Christian symbols at Christmas. We will be looking at the symbolism of these images. In addition, we will be learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah.

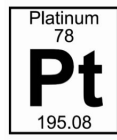
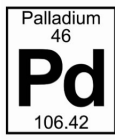
PSHE

Our topic this term is 'Others and me in my class'. Children will discuss the relationships they have with their friends and how to address any issues that arise.

P.E - Basketball and Gymnastics

We will be exploring gymnastics actions and static body positions. The children will develop their awareness of themselves and learn to move confidently with balance, speed and using different levels.

We will hone our ball and teamwork skills during basketball.



Music

Children will work on using their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes. We will experiment with tuned and un-tuned instruments.

French

Mr Dare will be teaching us French this year. He will build on the progression of the children last year and continue to concentrate on the following topics: including classroom commands, greetings, parts of the body, colours and counting.

We hope this gives you a brief outline of our Autumn Term. Remember, all information and hint and tips can be found on our section of the website www.orleans.richmond.sch.uk

If you would like to help out in class then please see the office staff to complete a DBS check.

Thank you for all of your support so far this year!

Mrs Jones and Mrs Prinsloo.