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Prophecy and Promise

Explore the story and message of the prophet Elijah and how he called people to return to God. Learn how Christians make links between Elijah, John the Baptist and Jesus as part of God's covenant with his people. Understand the importance of Advent as a time of preparation for the coming of Christ the King.

Orchid Class (Y4) Curriculum overview

Autumn 2 2025



Science

Animals including Humans

Children will:

- Investigate animals including humans,
- Be introduced to the main body parts associated with the digestive system and their special functions.

English

Reading: Develop skills of inference and deduction across a variety of texts. The class reader is 'Mr Gum' (Andy Stanton)

Writing: Fiction narrative: Setting narrative. Exploring direct speech, expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.

Non-fiction recount: Newspaper report.

Grammar & Spelling: To build on prior learning and explore main and subordinating clauses.

Maths

Number: addition and subtraction, calculating area of 2D shapes, multiplication and division.

Data: sorting and classifying information

Reasoning: Use the four operations (+/-/x/÷) to solve one step problems progressing to two steps

History

The Roman Republic

Children will learn:

- About the Roman empire and the impact on Britain at the time and the legacy it left behind.

This builds on the learning of last term.

PE

Dance

Children will:

- Create short travel and action sequences that portray "spy movements" (sneaking, hiding, rolling etc.)
- Link their movements in time to the beat/ tempo of music
- Explore formations (circle, line, diagonal)
- Add sections showing canon (1 movement after another) and unison (movements performed at the same time)

Music

Cornets

To learn about the cornet and the rest of the brass family.

To begin playing the cornet using correct breathing and finger placement.

To begin to understand how to read music.

To read and play note C.

To gain confidence in shared performance.

Spanish

Children will continue to learn conversational Spanish, particularly:

- Names of school subjects
- Simple phrase to state an opinion
- Time – hour and ½ past the hour
- Read, write and say the Spanish alphabet – linking it to Christmas.

Computing

Endangered animals

Children will:

- Use research skills to find information about endangered animals online.
- Use the information to create posters to raise awareness of the planet's endangered animals
- Make a film to describe how making small changes can help save these animals.

Art/ DT

Children will:

- Develop their knowledge and understanding of curved structures.
- Research, design and make a safety helmet.
- The final product will be evaluated against the design criteria, identifying different strengthening techniques needed.

Geography

Population

Children will:

- Identify the most and sparsely populated areas in a geographical location
- Describe the increase in global population over time
- Begin to describe what might influence the environments people live in.

PSHE & RSE

Physical Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Children will learn:

- Why people may eat/ avoid certain foods/ food groups
- About factors that contribute to food choices
- The importance of sufficient sleep and good sleep habits.

Events & celebrations

Friday 5th December: Movie Night

Wednesday 10th December - Coverdale Puppet

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Dinner

Friday 19th December: Children finish school

Family Learning

Spellings
Times Table Rock stars
Reading Plus
Home readers

