

Orchid Class (Y4)
Curriculum
overview
Autumn 1 2025

RE

Creating and Covenant

Pupils will study Abraham and consider how he changed through acting on his faith and entered into a covenantal relationship with God.

Science

States of Matter

To classify solids, liquids and gases

To know that temperature can affect solids, liquids and gases

To plan and carry out an investigation

To understand evaporation and condensation

English

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

Writing: Poetry and Outsider narrative/ stories

Grammar & Spelling: Beginning to understand different word classes and advanced punctuation including ; and () (semi-colon and parenthesis)

Maths

Number: read, write, order and compare numbers up to 10000 and determine the value of each digit. Rounding numbers and decimals.

Data: sorting and classifying information

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

History

The Roman Republic

Exploring the Roman Republic and the events that occurred during Rome's time as a republic.

Children will develop a chronologically secure knowledge and understanding of history, establishing clear narratives.

PE

Gymnastics

Ensure movements are clear, accurate and consistent in shape, size and formation.

Prepare and perform a sequence of movements confidently to an audience.

Safety and consistently combine six gymnastic shapes, in rolls, balances and jumps with linking sequences.

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

Revision of conversation when meeting people, naming places and objects.

Introduction to questions and answers and how to reply to simple commands.

Computing

My online life

To develop children's knowledge of the risks of their online lives in terms of the information they share (text and images)

To develop and apply safe skills when using online services; especially social media content/ platforms.

Art/ DT

To learn how to use sketch books effectively to record their observations and use them to review and revisit ideas.

To improve their mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials.

Geography

The Rhine and the Mediterranean

To explore how land use and people have shaped the Rhine and the Mediterranean areas.

To know and understand what geographical, economic and trade factors influence and impact on land use and people's lives.

PSHE & RSE

Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing

Knowing about and developing a range of strategies that can build/ create thinking positive and how this can help our mental health.

Considering what to do when we have negative thoughts and feelings.

Events & celebrations

Thursday 25th September – St. Finbar's Feast Day

Thursday 9th October – Photographer in school

Friday 24th October – INSET day – school closed to children

Family Learning

Spellings
Times Table Rock stars
Reading Plus
Home readers

