

Orchid Class (Y4)
Curriculum overview
Spring 2 2026

RE
Desert to Garden

Children will:
Learn about Lent and explore themes of repentance, the Prodigal Son (LK 15:11-32), and the Corporal Works of Mercy
Connect the Christian faith with action, understanding Lent as a time of renewal and studying how individuals or organisations live these out.

Science
Living things & their habitats

Children will:

- learn to classify living things into groups based on their characteristics, such as plants, animals, and microorganisms.
- explore different habitats, understanding how living things are adapted to survive in specific environments and the importance of maintaining these habitats.

English

Reading: Our class reader will be 'Time train to the blitz'
Writing: Using the text Manfish by Jennifer Berne the children will write an invention narrative to narrate and a Biography to recount.
Grammar & Spelling: Noun phrases expanded with the additions of modifying adjectives, nouns and prepositions. Using commas after fronted adverbials

Maths

Children will:

- build on their understanding of multiplication and division, learning to multiply and divide larger numbers, and use these skills to solve word problems
- explore fractions, comparing, adding, and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, and start to understand decimals as part of whole numbers
- focus on length and perimeter, learning to measure accurately.

History
Christianity in three empires

Children will:

- study Christianity's spread and influence across three key empires: the Roman, Byzantine, and Holy Roman Empires.
- explore how Christianity shaped the cultures, laws, and societies within these empires, as well as key historical figures and events that helped spread the faith.

PE
Outdoor Adventurous Activities

Children will:

- Develop problem solving skills through a range of challenges
- Develop communication skills, taking on the role of the leader and working within a team
- Develop navigation skills including orientating on a map, identifying key symbols and drawing and following a route

Music
Cornets

Children will:

- learn how to play different notes on their brass instruments, focusing on producing clear, accurate sounds.
- explore dynamics, understanding how to play loudly (forte) or softly (piano), and practice controlling volume and expression to enhance their musical performance.

Spanish
Home Environments - Rooms, Furniture, Prepositions

Children will:

- explore home environments by learning about different rooms in a house, their functions, and the furniture typically found in each room.
- study prepositions, practicing how to describe the position of objects within rooms using terms like "under," "next to," and "above."

Computing
Real or fake

Children will:

- Understand the concept of 'fake news' and misleading information
- Identify various types of fake news and false information encountered online
- Utilise search engines effectively for fact-checking and verifying online information.

Art/ DT
Fastenings

Children will:

- Identify the features, benefits and disadvantages of a range of fastening types
- Make a template for their book sleeve
- Assemble their case using any stitch they are comfortable with

Geography
Tourism

Children will:

- learn about tourism by exploring different types of holidays and destinations, both locally and internationally.
- study the impact of tourism on places, considering both the benefits (such as economic growth) and challenges (like environmental effects), and look at how tourism influences culture and local communities.

PSHE & RSE
Strengths and Challenges

Children will learn:

- that there are drugs (other than medicines) that are common in everyday life, and why people choose them
- about the effects and risks of drinking alcohol
- about different patterns of behaviour that are related to drug use

Events & celebrations

Monday 23rd February – Back to school
Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
March 12th March – Martin Mere Trip
Friday 20th March – INSET day
Tuesday 31st – Easter Holiday

Family Learning

Spellings
Times Table Rock stars
Reading Plus
Home readers

