

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

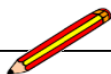
Autumn Term 1 2023



Dear Parent/Carers,

Welcome back! I am very excited to be starting the school year with Maple class. This half term the children will consolidate and build upon many of the skills they developed in year 1. In maths, the children will be focusing on place value and in English, the fundamentals of writing. In Science, the children's first topic is entitled 'Growing and Changing' and this links to the national curriculum area of 'Animals Including Humans'.

Our theme for Autumn 1 is 'Who am I and Who am I becoming?' Our foundation subjects will cover areas related to this theme. Please see more information below.

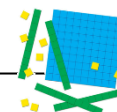


As readers and writers...

In English lessons we will be looking at the meeting tale text 'Leaf'. The children will engage and empathise with the story and they will explore themes and issues from the text. The children will explore the events from different viewpoints, and they will write in role, exploring and developing empathy for a character.

The teaching of reading continues with daily work focusing on VIPERS skills (vocabulary, inference, predictions, explanation, retrieval and summary).

We will also continue to practice phase 5 sounds and alternative sounds in phonics consolidation lessons.



As mathematicians...

Place value

In our first maths unit of the year, the children will explore numbers to 20, count objects by making 10s, recognise tens and ones and use place value charts. To develop a deeper understanding of numbers, the children will partition, position, order and compare numbers to 100.

Addition and subtraction

The children will begin the addition and subtraction unit exploring number bonds up to 10. It is essential the children learn number bonds as this will ensure mathematical fluency when solving equations. They will then explore fact families and related facts. The children will add and subtract from a 10 and across 10.



As theologians...

This year the children will be learning about Judaism. Our unit title is 'Beliefs and Belonging' and our big question is 'Who am I? Who am I becoming?' As part of our first unit, the children will understand that everyone is entitled to different beliefs, and they will spend time discovering who they are becoming and who they want to be. The children will also learn about what is important to Jews and they will understand what being Jewish means.

As scientists...

This half term, the children will take part in our 'Growing and Changing' unit. To begin with, the children will explore the basic needs for survival. Then, they will understand that animals produce offspring through eggs or live young. Together, we will look at the human life cycle and we will understand the importance of exercise and healthy, balanced diets on growth, repair and development.



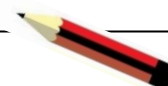
As linguists...

This year the children will continue to learn Mandarin! They will be taught by a new Mandarin teacher who will build on everything they learnt with Miss Li!



As artists...

In our discrete art lessons, the children will be creating pattern and texture. To do this, they will explore using different lines and tones. The children will also be introduced to the concept of positive and negative space.



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As musicians...



The children will show pulse through physical movement (walking, clapping, nodding etc.) and they will repeat and perform short rhythmic patterns, keeping in time with a steady pulse/beat. The children will listen to a variety of both live and recorded music for the purpose of enjoyment and development of understanding of musical concept and they will learn the meaning of dynamics and tempo. Finally, the children will recognise how graphic notation can represent sound.

As good citizens...

In PSHE, the children will explore our half term theme, 'Who am I and who am I becoming?' They will identify groups they belong to, and they will learn about bullying, feelings and online safety. We will also ensure we are respecting different viewpoints.



As athletes...

Fitness and healthy lifestyles

In our fitness lessons, the children will explore cardiovascular endurance, upper and lower body fitness and speed and agility.

Object control

Children will explore the key concepts of object control independently and they will repeat object control concepts with some consistency. They will begin to develop a basic understanding of tactics and they will be encouraged to select appropriate skills and actions linked to their activity.



As geologists...

Our geography lessons will cover two different aspects, 'Where is my academy?' and 'Oasis Link Country India'. First, the children will learn key facts about where our academy is located and then they will use maps to locate Oasis Putney. After that, the children will learn key facts about India and they will use geographical vocabulary to explore human and physical features.



As historians...



The children will be exploring Oasis Academy Putney's history, The children will recount changes that have occurred in their own lives, they will place events and artefacts on a timeline, and they will label timelines with appropriate words and phrases. They will also recognise similarities and differences, observe or handle evidence, orally explain the passing of time and explore the idea of significance in relation to places locally.

As computer whizzes...



Computing will cover E-safety and computer science. Our E-safety unit will focus on online reputation and in computer science, the children will be creating and debugging algorithms. They will also experiment with block-based programming on www.code.org.

Attendance

Oasis Putney's target is 97.5%.

Please ensure your child does not fall below this target. Every minute matters!

Notices and reminders

- Please ensure that your child is reading daily and recording this in their reading record.
- Homework will be set every Friday and needs to be handed in by the following Wednesday.
- Please ensure that your child is learning the weekly spellings. Spellings will include Year 2 common exception words and spellings that include specific spelling rules, taught as part of the Year 2 curriculum.
- PE is on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure your children have the correct PE kit.
- Outdoor learning with Ms Davies is on Mondays. Please ensure your children have a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers, and wellies.

Thank you so much for your support!

Miss Pickering