

The Orchard Spring Learning 2025

Some of the books we will be reading and learning about:



We will be using the characteristics of effective learning to:

Play and explore independently and with friends using a variety of resources both inside and outside, follow our interests to be active learners making choices about what we want to do and learning how to access our learning environment, think critically and be creative in our learning choices solving problems and using imaginative play and language to develop our understanding of a variety of topics and learning themes.

Communication and Language:

We will be retelling stories, making up our own stories, using puppets, reading and talking about new stories, rhymes and songs, talking about and sharing our independent learning with teachers and our friends, developing our vocabulary and using it in different contexts, learning how to ask questions and how to answer using full sentences.

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

We will be continuing to learn about our school values and what it means to be a part of our school community. Developing our friendships and making new friends, sharing, extending and elaborating our ideas together. We will explore our feelings and emotions in depth, through stories and continue to develop language and vocabulary to express how we are feeling both to adults and our peers. Through our play we will continue to consider different points of view and learn to think of things from the perspective of others.

Physical Development:

We will be continuing to develop our physical skills by exploring how to use different equipment, travel in different ways, build with large construction and learn how to climb and combine movement with fluency and ease. We will be working on controlling our bodies through balance and playing games to practise the skills we have learnt. We will also be developing our fine motor skills to use a range of tools competently such as pens and pencils, scissors, paint brushes and moulding with Playdoh. We will develop our dance and gymnastics skills in our PE lessons as well as ball skills.

Literacy

We will be developing our writing skills by learning how to link letters and sounds to write in a variety of contexts both through our independent learning and our learning linked to key texts. We will be learning how to say and write words, labels, phrases and sentences in different contexts such as speech bubbles, lists, instructions and stories. We will explore print in different contexts both in the classroom and in books. We will develop our vocabulary and use of language through new books and rhymes and practise writing for a variety of reasons.

Mathematics

We will be learning about numbers 5-10 in depth, learning about the many compositions of these numbers and how we can add and subtract to and from these numbers. We will look at the parts and whole of a number and investigate this through different resources and methods such as part whole models, Numicon, Rekenreks, bead strings, 10 frames and number lines, and through many practical activities both inside and outside.

We will be exploring measure through investigations into mass and capacity and delving deeper into the world of 3D shapes and their properties.

Understanding the world

We will be exploring different religions and cultures through celebrations such as Chinese New Year and Easter. We will learn about celebrations familiar to us such as pancake day and mothers day.

We will explore the world around us and the changes in seasons as well as thinking about different countries in the world and how they differ from ours.

We will be learning about our communities and the people that help us in our community and how they help us.

We will learn how to grow and look after plants and seeds, learn about life cycles of different animals and plants and investigate concepts such as freezing and melting, floating and sinking and materials.

Expressive Arts and Design

We will be learning about how to mix colours and how to create shades of the same colour through mixing paints. We will explore how to build and create using junk modelling and how to do observational drawings and paintings using a variety of different resources. We will explore how to use a variety of collage materials to create mixed media pictures.