

Acorn Park School

Term Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome back — we hope you had a lovely break! This overview gives you a snapshot of what your child will be learning this term, along with key information and ways you can support at home.

Our Topic:

This term, we will be exploring the world around us — from our local environment to different places and cultures. Learning will focus on building communication, curiosity and independence through practical, engaging activities.

What your child will be learning

English

Orwell will be preparing for their Functional Skills and GCSE English Language and Literature exams next summer. In Language we'll be focusing on both developing reading comprehension skills while enhancing creative and persuasive writing techniques.

Maths

Year 11 will prepare for GCSE Maths mocks in February to help identify the most suitable pathway. Autumn topics include ratio, area and volume, similarity and congruence, and sequences. The focus will be on building confidence and independent application of knowledge.

Science

This half-term, students will study AQA B3 Infection and Response and B4 Bioenergetics, covering disease, immunity, vaccines, antibiotics, photosynthesis and respiration. Exam practice will develop students' ability to apply their knowledge and build confidence ahead of their final GCSE assessments.

PSHE

Students will explore intimate relationships, gender and sexuality, LGBT+ rights and challenges. They will also examine abuse, forced marriage, honour-based violence, FGM, hate crime and sources of support.

Acorn Park School

Enrichment opportunities

We will bring learning to life through:

- Local trips (e.g. shops, park) to practise real-world skills
- Outdoor learning and exploration.

Orwell will be visiting Warwick Castle and Shakespeare's birthplace Stratford Upon Avon on a residential trip, while a day trip to Somerleyton Hall and Gardens is planned for later in the term.

Supporting learning at home

If you're keen to support your child's learning at home, the best way to do this is to read to or with your child regularly. The children are welcome to borrow books from our library at any point in the year.

Should you wish to do some more with your child at home, please contact the class teacher.

We're here to help

Your child's class teacher is: Morgan Longworth and Nick Marq

Your child's support staff are: Craig Harper, Gabbie Gingell and Jay Cassidy

We're always happy to talk, please call the school if you want to arrange a time to meet or discuss anything