

Curriculum Newsletter

The Curriculum at Outwood Primary Academy Lofthouse Gate

Our primary curriculum has been designed through collaboration with all levels of academy staff to ensure that all of our pupils succeed in a rapidly changing world. The curriculum is organised into an intrinsic, enhanced, elective and academic curriculum. These key areas are used to promote high standards through clear progression, in both the acquisition of knowledge and skills and to promote pupils' personal development and cultural capital. This half termly newsletter aims to keep you up to date regularly and share our curriculum offer with you at home.

Intrinsic Curriculum

This half term within our Learner Model and expectation assemblies, we have specifically focused on our three academy expectations, to be safe, respectful and responsible. We have launched the specific learning quality, 'confidence', shared what this quality is and what it looks like both in and out of the academy. Certificates have been awarded (Y1- Y6) to those who have showcased this key quality. Well done to everybody who strives to be an EI learner and the best they can be!



Enhanced Curriculum

This half term's OPA Diploma focus has been - **To be a Good British and International Citizen.** From learning sign language and different languages, to random acts of kindness and showing compassion, year groups have been immersed in different pledges and worked collaboratively across the academy. Here is a selection of images to showcase our Diploma from this half term. Miss Clark will also host a celebration assembly the beginning of next half term to reflect and share each year group's activities with the rest of the academy. Please keep your eye out for more pledges being completed in the future from the list below!

2023 - 2024	Autumn 1
	Be a good British and International citizen
EYFS	Around the World Understand that we live in one part of the world but are actually part of an international community.
Y1	Kindness Challenge Investigate and carry out random acts of kindness.
Y2	The 'Hello' Challenge Develop respect for other cultures and languages by learning basic greetings.
Y3	Compassionate Class Encourage compassion and empathy through the lens of animal welfare.
Y4	Respect: A Shared Value Investigate the value of respect and create a greater awareness of the importance of this shared value.
Y5	British Sign Language Challenge Explore non-verbal communication as well as hearing impairments and learning some British Sign Language.
Y6	Sports Leaders Award Organise and lead small games that can be used as part of a community club or sports club sessions. <small>*Charging through the academic year.</small>



Academic and Elective Curriculum

Here is a snapshot of some of the amazing learning that has taken place across the academy and from the interest clubs that have taken place this half term.



Our Choir had an amazing opportunity this half term to showcase their talent. They took part in a collaboration with academies across the Outwood Family to perform in 'All We Can Be'. We were all so proud of them, especially Mr Littler-Moore who has been working with the choir in his performance club leading up to this.



OPA LOFTHOUSE GATE SCIENCE

Our Vision

We understand the importance of science and how it links to the real world. We encourage children to be inquisitive and curious learners who develop their knowledge of the world through exploration and investigation. We increase children's science capital by introducing them to different scientists and careers to inspire the future generation of scientists.

Science is good when children...

enjoy and are engaged in the lesson.

learn about the real world and the impact science has.

are curious and ask lots of questions.

learn about scientists and the impact they have on science.

think critically, question results and evidence.

develop independence and confidence.

explore their local environment.

have access to high quality resources to investigate questions.

develop knowledge of science and vocabulary through school.

