

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 of 'co-operate'. We 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 'To Protect and Respect the Environment'. From learning about the Great British Bird Watch and The Big Clean up, to completing challenges about our planet, all 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. Thank you to everybody who completed our challenges at home too!

2023 - 2024	Spring 1	
	Protect and respect the environment	
EYFS	Wildlife Wonder Look for different types of wildlife and identify ways to support the ecosystem. <i>*Ongoing throughout the academic year</i>	
Y1	Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Challenge	
Y2	RSPB Great British Birdwatch Take part in the National Bird Watch programme to gain an understanding of an environmental charity.	
Y3	The Big Clean Up Work together with the local community to run a clean up project and promote responsibility.	
Y4	Save Our Wild Isles Become actively involved in restoring nature and ensuring it can thrive for future generations.	
Y5	Green Tree School Take part in fun, practical projects while helping the environment and improving your grounds.	
Y6	Protecting Our Planet Explore the issues the earth faces as a result of human activity and what they can do to protect the planet.	

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.



What do our children have to say?

Year 1 – "I liked learning about recycle, reuse, reduce and making flowers out of recycled materials."

Year 4 – "I have enjoyed art and learning about William Morris. I loved printing just like him."

Year 6 – "I am really proud of myself and my friends for winning the Science Fair. I enjoyed learning about the effects of surface area and presenting our project to the Science Ambassadors, Mrs Jagger and Mr Andrews."

Out of School Achievements

We also love for you to share your child's out of school achievements. From sports clubs, martial arts and Brownies, to learning at home and crafts! Here is a sample of some of the fantastic things our Lofthouse Family get up to!

