



ORCHARDS COMMUNITY Middle School

Key dates

Half term – 21st - 25th February

Parent Consultation Day – Tuesday 15th March

Private Peaceful Theatre trip– Friday 18th March

Term finishes Thursday 7th April

INSET Day – Friday 8th April

Year 7 Curriculum outline – Spring 2011

English & languages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Journalistic writing and historical novel 'Private Peaceful'.• Studying different text types - recount, persuasive texts, letters.• French -key verbs and pronouns. Describing their families and pets. Writing penpal letters.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Calculations - percentages, decimals and fractions. Multiplying and dividing decimals. Using brackets• Handling data and plotting linear graphs. Negative numbers and sequences• Algebra and number patterns. Space and shape - constructing and exploring polygons.
Science & Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chemical reactions- How do different materials react?• Electricity - circuit building, volts, amps and investigations.• Using Publisher to create leaflets. Control technology - designing and creating their own computer games.
History, Geography, R.E.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Natural disasters - volcanoes, tsunamis & earthquakes. How and why do they happen? Where do they occur?• What does justice mean to Christians? The life of Mother Teresa and Martin Luther King.• Sikhism - to gain an understanding of tradition and belief.
Art, Design & Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pop art - developing painting skills. Focus on faces in the style of Andy Warhol and Lichtenstein.• Food technology- winter warming soup. Focus on ingredients, preparation and nutritional value.• Learning Blues scales and swing beat. To learn about Western music notation. Learn, sing and perform songs.
P.E. & PHSCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indoor athletics, invasion games inc hockey and Tag rugby. Gymnastics and dance. Orienteering• Britain - is it a diverse society? Covering issues of discrimination, racism and immigration. Ethnic origins.

Year 7 teachers

Mrs Harrocks (Year Leader), Miss Levett, Mrs Miller, Mrs Reeder/Ms Summerscales, Mrs Williamson & Mrs Charlton

Mrs Harrocks says ...Wow!!! I can't believe it's the Spring term already. The children will be hearing about High School soon and planning visits and attending induction days. We have a busy and exciting term ahead with a Theatre trip to see Private Peaceful which will enhance our study of the novel in English. We will be making use of our amazing Food Tech room as we explore tantalizing new ingredients for delicious nutritional soups. I love this project as I get the job of chief taster and a free lunch! Our creativity week in March is entitled Enterprise...after planning and designing a top secret project, the children have to face a Dragons Den with their prototype and design brief. The winning designs go into production and a trophy given at the end of the project to the group who make the most money. The Arts Festival is the highlight of this term for me. The year 7 children will be competing for the last time and it will be an emotional and memorable experience. We look forward to seeing you there.