"Rabi Zidni Ilma" My Lord, Increase me in Knowledge

Year 4

DATE: WB 05/10/2026

Dear Parents,
As-salamualaikum. I hope that all are keeping well.

Ms Rowe has been unwell recently, as you will all be aware. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Alhumdulillah, the children continue to be very well supported by Ms Khan, our class teaching assistant who is also currently training to be an HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant).
In addition, we have Ms McGowan coming in as a supply teacher. She has been consistently working with our children and knows The Orchard School well.

As such, our curriculum coverage has remained strong and robust, Alhumdulillah.

Was-salaams,
Br Hoosen Randeree (Headteacher)

A sample of the curriculum coverage for the week:

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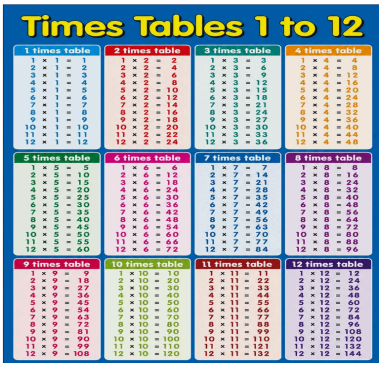
In Mathematics, this week we looked at 5-digit numbers and we also started learning about Roman Numerals. The children understood that 5-digit numbers represented numbers from 10,000 onwards. They also learnt how to partition 5 -digit numbers. In times tables our focus was on 4 times tables.
In addition to key the objectives within their scheme of work, the children are regularly practicing their Timetables. A special request to parents to please support your child with their Timetables. The children are required to master up to their X12 tables by the end of this academic year, in order to successfully pass the national Y4 timetables test.



English:

This week we looked into features of a biography and children have written out their first draft on their chosen applicant for becoming an astronaut.

Year 4 Trip:

On Thursday, 8th October, our children visited the National Army Museum which is based in Royal Hospital Road, London. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to link up with some of their learning in the Humanities (History, etc.). Our pupils were also very excited to take part in a Robotics workshop, where they had to utilise their coding (Computing) skills to programme a robot! Children also explored the different uses of robotic devices. Understanding algorithms and programming robots is a great skill to develop for our pupils, as technological advances in this area are moving at a rapid pace. It also provides an opportunity for children to engage with this technology within a safe space.

Overall, great fun was had by all! Just visiting the Chelsea area, embarking on their journey, etc. provided such a wonderful opportunity for learning enrichment for all the children. Our thanks and appreciation also goes out to our parent volunteers (Aisha's mum, Amal's mum and Ahmed's sister) for supporting us on this trip. In the absence of Ms Rowe, I also personally accompanied the children together with Ms McGowan and Ms Khan.

Islamic Studies

This week in Islamic studies as a part of our Fiqh section, children learnt about the actions that are disliked in Ghusl. They learnt that when doing certain Islamic acts, we should strive to get the full reward and this means staying away from actions that are Makrooh as Makrooh actions decrease the reward.

Pupil well being Ambassador:

Our first Pupil Wellbeing Ambassador meeting of the year took place online on Monday 5th October. Our Ambassadors for this Academic year are Abdurrahman and Safwa.

Pupil Voice:

“I enjoyed seeing the big tanks in the Museum and participating in the activity.” - Amal

“I enjoyed seeing the big tanks and soldier uniforms in the Museum" - Musa

STARS OF THE WEEK:

Safaa Nur and Amaar Youssef

Important Note:

Homework due on (Tuesday 13/10)

Highlights for next week:

PE (Monday and Thursday)
Swimming for boys (Thursday)
Year 4 Class led Assembly on Ikhlaas (Friday 16/10 - all parents are invited!)