

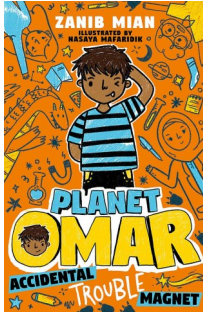
Year 3
Autumn 1
Brilliant
Bedford



English

Reading

Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian follows the everyday adventures of Omar. After starting at a new school, Omar has to deal with making new friends, a school bully and a disastrous trip to the Science Museum. We will focus on a range of reading skills, including making predictions, retrieval, summarising, understanding vocabulary and making inferences.



Writing

This term, we will focus on creating a setting description, writing diary entries from John Bunyan's point of view and composing a traditional poem based on 'Windy Nights' by R. L. Stevenson. Children will be taught to use a range of descriptive vocabulary and extend sentences in a variety of ways.



Tier 2 vocabulary

Tier 2 vocabulary are words that are used in many situations and contexts. This term, your child will learn the meaning of the following words:

advice avoid award ban brave confess deed globe grace
journey loyal nation opposite ordeal pastime recall rely remark
starve steer suitable terror value

Spellings

Practice your spellings at least 3 times per week on [Spelling Shed](#).

w/b 08.09.25

w/b 15.09.25

w/b 22.09.25

w/b 29.09.25

w/b 06.10.25

w/b 13.10.25

Words where 'ou' makes an /ow/ sound

Words where 'ou' makes a /u/ sound

Words where 'y' makes an /i/ sound

Words ending in '- sure'

Words ending in '- ture'

Challenge Words

mouth
around
sprout
sound
spout
ouch
hound
trout
found
proud

touch
double
country
trouble
young
cousin
enough
encourage
flourish
couple

gym
myth
Egypt
pyramid
mystery
symbol
synonym
lyrics
system
gymnastics

measure
treasure
pleasure
enclosure
displeasure
composure
leisure
exposure
closure
disclosure

creature
furniture
picture
nature
adventure
capture
future
sculpture
fracture
mixture

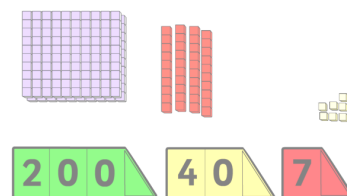
actual
answer
bicycle
circle
earth
enough
fruit
island
often
popular

Practice Makes Perfect

STEM

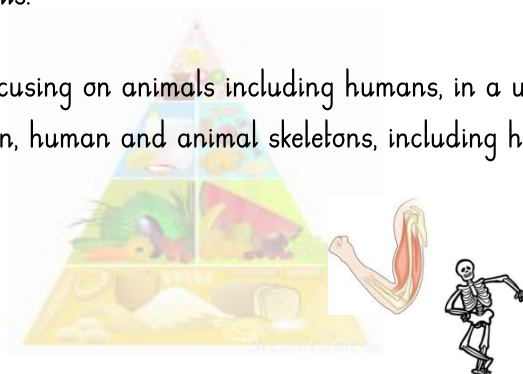
Maths

This term, we will be learning about place value and methods for adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers. By the end of Year 3, children need to confidently recall all multiplication and division facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 times tables. Regular practise on [Times Tables Rock Stars](#) will support this.



Science

This term, we will be focusing on animals including humans, in a unit called 'Food and our Bodies'. Children will learn about nutrition, human and animal skeletons, including how joints and muscles work.



Computing

This term, we will be learning about digital devices, with relation to inputs, processes and outputs. We will then look at how computers connect.

Personal Development

Physical Education

Children will participate in lessons linked to health and skill-related fitness. In outdoor sessions, they will learn about key concepts for competitive games. PE kit includes a purple t-shirt, black shorts/jogging bottoms, trainers and a purple fleece. Earrings should be removed on PE days.

Personal, Social and Health Education

This term, our PSHE learning will focus on the development of safe relationships with family and friends. We will also be talking about how to respect ourselves and others.



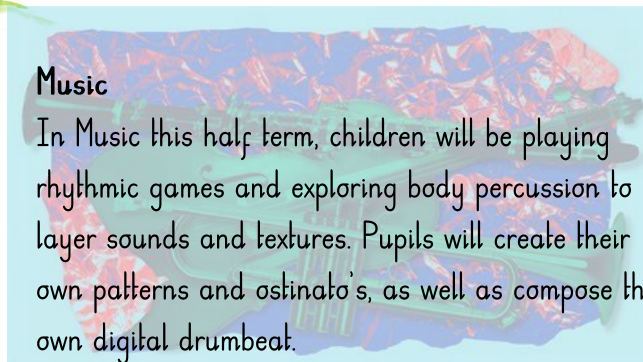
The Arts

Design and Technology

We will be learning about cooking and nutrition, including how animals are reared, caught and processed.

Music

In Music this half term, children will be playing rhythmic games and exploring body percussion to layer sounds and textures. Pupils will create their own patterns and ostinato's, as well as compose their own digital drumbeat.



Humanities



History

Children will complete a local history study on John Bunyan, including a focus on where he lived (Bedford and Elstow), his famous book, *"The Pilgrim's Progress"* and a wider study of the Stuart Period and English Civil War. They will be encouraged to use historical vocabulary and develop their enquiry skills using a range of sources.



Religious Education

During the Autumn Term, children will be learning about the deeper meanings of festivals from several faiths, including Diwali, Hanukkah, Eid and Christmas. Pupils will consider how and why they are celebrated.

Homework

Reading — at least 5 times per week. Write this in your planner.

Spelling Shed — at least 3 times per week.

Times Table Rock Stars — at least 3 times per week.

MyMaths — 1 task set per week online (login details are in planners).

Optional tasks

- Make a homemade pizza and write a set of instructions of how you made it.
- Create a fact file on John Bunyan
- Design a balanced menu for a party.

Enrichment

Trips and Visitors

Please find a list of anticipated trips and visits to enrich your child's learning. We are acutely aware of the financial pressures on families; therefore, we want to provide you with an overview of potential costs for the year. Parent Pay can be topped up with Parent Pay credit as regularly as you wish, and then funds can be allocated to specific trips when details are shared closer to the time.

Autumn 1 - John Bunyan Museum (£10)

Autumn 2 - Anglian Water Workshop (Free)

Spring 1 - Stone Age Stunning Start Day (in school FREE)

Spring 2 - Mount Everest Virtual Reality Workshop (in school, no cost)

Summer 1 - British Museum: Ancient Egypt Exhibition (£22) / virtual visit (no cost) / The Nile School Shakers — instruments, dance and drum workshop (£8.50)

Summer 2 - Sing On (cost for audience tickets TBC) / VR Volcanoes (in school, £7.10)