

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 4 | Autumn Term 1



HUJJAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Salaams Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Year 4! We have an enjoyable and enriching half-term ahead as we start our journey into Year 4. Teaching this year in Year 4 are Mrs Sookun and Ms Hassan, who will be supported by Mrs Elhafedi, Mrs Salah and Mrs Outschoorn. Our talented team will ensure that all learning needs and levels are catered for, and everyone has an exciting and productive half-term.

Value: Compassion

This half term we will be focusing on the value of compassion. Children will reflect and discuss how we show compassion to ourselves, our families, our friends, others around the world and the environment, through stories of the Prophet Muhammad (saw), teachings from the Holy Quran and opportunities to put their learning into practice.

Some verses of the Holy Quran that we may be discussing include: 2:263, 4:36, 9:14, 9:128, 13:28, 16:90, 17:23-24, 25:63.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this half-term:

English

In Literacy, the children will learn more about traditional tales and fables and develop their understanding of moralistic short stories. Children will also be taught how to plan and write exciting playscripts. Children will also learn the difference between indirect and direct speech, and the use of punctuation for dialogue.

Key Text:

The Lion and the Mouse by Aesop
Jack and the Beanstalk (original story by Joseph Jacob)

Mathematics

In mathematics, the children will consolidate their knowledge of place value, using numbers up to 1000 (and more to offer challenge)

Key areas of learning will be:

- ✓ Counting in intervals of 6, 7, 9, 25, 1000
- ✓ Recognising numbers more than and less than 1000
- ✓ Ordering and comparing numbers
- ✓ Rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000
- ✓ Reading and understanding Roman numerals

The children will also deepen their understanding of addition and subtraction by learning how to:

- ✓ Add and subtract numbers with 4 digits using formal methods
- ✓ Estimating and using inverse operations to check answers' calculations
- ✓ Solve two step problems and deciding which method and operations to apply.

Science

The children will learn about teeth and the human digestive system. Children will use scientific enquiry skills to learn about:

- ✓ Effects of liquids on egg shells/enamel over time
- ✓ Investigating differences and similarities in teeth compared to diet
- ✓ Understanding how the human digestive system works
- ✓ Researching about how different teeth effect food chains

Humanities

In History children will learn about the chronological timeline of the Ancient Egyptian Civilization

In Geography the children will learn about the Ancient Egyptian Civilization and the importance of the River Nile. Children will also develop their locational knowledge of deserts across North Africa.

Art and Design

The children will look at fine art techniques and apply their understanding of these techniques to create cityscapes inspired by Paul Klee

Physical Education and Sports

P.E. days will be Tuesdays and Fridays. The children will focus primarily on developing their swimming skills as well as, movement and balance and basketball.

Computing

The children will learn more about computing systems and networks. They will also explore how to search the web to research information, ensuring internet safety guidelines.

Please ensure your child has joined Google Classroom using the class code.

Religious Education

The big question will be:

What does it mean to be sorry and how can we tell?

The children will be looking at what it means to be sorry and the concept of repentance and forgiveness in Islam and Judaism.

Arabic

The children will be developing their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in Arabic, with a focus on the topic 'Going to School'. This will include learning vocabulary around how they get to school, objects in the classroom, their school day and opinions about school. With this vocabulary, they will begin to develop their grammar knowledge, building their own sentences.

Music

The children will be developing skills in listening and reflecting, composition and performance as well as learning about the musical concept of tempo and how adjusting the tempo can alter the effect, through the nasheed 'Asmaa Al Husna'. Looking at the lyrics of the nasheed, we will learn about the many attributes of Allah (swt) and reflect on the Quranic verse 17:10.

PSHE

The children will learn about what a good friendship looks like and how to maintain good friendships and resolve disputes within a friendship. We will also be looking at what bullying is and strategies to communicate and report bullying.

Our assemblies and PSHE lessons will focus on the value: compassion.

Additional Information

Spellings and Arithmetic tests will be every Friday

Library days will be confirmed with parents and carers shortly.

Please provide your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable for their morning snack

Enrichment Opportunities

Children will have the opportunity to have a workshop organised by our faith leader.