# Curriculum Newsletter YEAR 2 | Autumn Term 2



## Salaams Parents/ Carers

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half-term and are looking forward to the term ahead. There is lots of exciting and challenging learning to come, as we enter the second half of the term.

#### Value: Respect

This half term we will be focusing on the value of respect. Children will reflect and discuss how we show respect to Allah, ourselves, our parents, our teachers, our siblings, our friends, others, our environment, etc., through stories of the Prophet Muhammad (saw), teachings from the Holy Quran and opportunities to put their learning into practice. Some verses we may be discussing include: 8:II; 17:23; 17:26; 17:53; 29:8.



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 write first person recounts using the correct features such as tense. Next, the children will begin to develop their story writing, focusing on word classes as well as figurative language. Additionally, they will explore poetry and write their own shape poems! Lastly, the children will be creating non-fiction information leaflets.

We will also consolidate the children's understanding of using expanded noun phrases, adverbs, conjunctions and punctuation correctly.

Key Texts:

Monkey Puzzle by Julia Donaldson Dear Teacher by Amy Husband

Non-fiction leaflets

#### Science

The children will explore different animal habitats and food chains. The children will continue to work scientifically through identification and classification.

#### **Mathematics**

The children will continue to develop their learning of addition and subtraction. The children will be learning through a combination of:

Concrete: using objects such as cubes, counters, and tens frames

Pictorial: drawings to show amounts and representations

Abstract: number sentences + - =

Our next topic will be shape. The children will explore a range of 2D and 3D shapes. They will identify, sort and name the shapes and their properties.

#### Humanities

In Geography the children will learn more about the U.K. They will begin to explore Harrow and our locality. As the seasons continue to change, we will also explore local weather patterns. In History, the children will learn about famous monarchs and their contributions.

## Art and Design

The children have an exciting half term where they will complete Forest Schools through Art. The children will have sessions outdoors to enhance their learning through nature.

### Computing

The children will use simple programming sites such as Scratch to complete their own simple algorithms. They will also learn about debugging and internet safety.

We will be exploring the big question: How do we remember people and why?

To help us answer this question, we will be exploring significant people in Islamic and Christian history and how they showed values in their lives.

Physical Education and Sports

P.E. days will be Thursdays and Fridays. The children will learn

about invasion such as attacking and defending in sports. They

will also learn about movement and balance.

Religious Education

#### Arabic

Children will continue to develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills with a focus on the Arabic alphabet, غ غ غ . With each letter, the children will develop their pronunciation and learn new Arabic vocabulary containing those letters. They will also be learning the names of colours and the numbers I-50 in Arabic.

Children will be learning about structure of music and developing skills of listening, reflecting, composition and performance through the nasheed 'Allah Knows'. Thinking about the lyrics of the nasheed, children will recite and reflect on 3:29 of the Quran which states:

> قُلُّ إِن تُخَفُّوا مَا فِي صُدُورِكُمْ أَوْ تُبَدُّوهُ يَعَلَمْهُ ٱللَّهُ وَيَعْلَمُ مَا فِي ٱلسَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي ٱلْأَرْضَّ وَٱللَّهُ عَلَىٰ كُلّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿ ١٩

"Say (Oh Prophet), 'Whether you conceal what is in your hearts or reveal it, it is known to Allah. For He knows whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on earth. And Allah is Most Capable of everything."

#### **PSHE**

The children will learn about health and wellbeing and how we can stay safe.

Our assemblies and PSHE lessons will focus on the value: Respect

#### Additional Information

Spelling and Arithmetic tests will be every Friday.

Library days will be every Wednesday.

Please continue to read with your child every day for at least 20 minutes.

## **Enrichment Opportunities**

Children will have the opportunity to visit Windsor Castle on Thursday 12th December 2024. All contributions/ payments and consents to be completed using Arbor