

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 4 | Spring Term 1



Salaams Families of Hujjat Primary School,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Winter break and are looking forward to the term ahead. There is lots of exciting and challenging learning to come, as we enter the Spring term. We also have some very exciting enrichment opportunities lined up to support children's learning experiences.

Value: Service

This half term we will be focusing on the value of service. Children will reflect and discuss how we can show service to Allah, our families, our friends, our teachers, people in our community, people around the world and the environment, through stories of the Prophet Muhammad (saw) and other prophets, teachings from the Holy Quran and opportunities to put their learning into practice. Some verses we may be discussing include: 5:2, 16:90, 63:10 and 28:77.



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 focus on report writing and classical poetry. In addition to this, children will learn how to write biographies and autobiographies by analysing different examples and using checklists and writing frames to support them. Teachers will continue to help children showcase new vocabulary and related meaning in their Big Write tasks. Children will also develop debating skills and the learn about researching topics 'for and against', the use of intonation and articulation and confidence for public speaking.

Key Texts

The Accidental Prime Minister by Tom McLaughlin
Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World by Kate Pankurst

Mathematics

In Mathematics, the children will continue to use and apply their knowledge of place value learning when understanding units of measurements such as length and perimeter.

The children will also consolidate their understanding of multiplication and division facts using mental and formal written methods.

In addition to this, children will learn how to solve problems involving multiplication, division, measurements and scaling. This knowledge will support pupils understanding of fractions. Children will also learn more on the topic measurement and learn about:

- ✓ Comparing, adding and subtracting lengths (m/cm/mm); mass (kg/g) and volume (l/ml)
- ✓ Measuring the perimeter of simple 2-D shapes

<p>Parents may wish to purchase a personal copy of this book as well as use an online pdf version.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adding and subtracting amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts ✓ Telling and writing the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The children will continue to develop their understanding of Animals, including Humans and Habitats until the unit is fully completed. ✓ Following this, pupils will move on to a new science topic: Properties of Materials. In this unit, children will explore the physical properties of everyday materials and learn how materials are selected and used for specific purposes. ✓ Through practical, hands-on investigations, pupils will: ✓ identify and compare materials based on properties such as hardness, strength, flexibility, transparency, conductivity and absorbency ✓ group and classify materials according to their properties ✓ investigate how materials can change when they are heated, cooled, mixed or shaped ✓ use accurate scientific vocabulary to record observations and explain results ✓ Children will plan and carry out simple enquiries, record findings using tables and diagrams, and use evidence to draw conclusions. This topic will further develop their working scientifically skills, including fair testing, observation and evaluation. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Humanities</u></p> <p>In Geography, children will study the Amazon Rainforest, learning about its location in the world, climate and key physical features. They will explore the different layers of the rainforest and the plants and animals that live there.</p> <p>Children will also investigate why rainforests are important to the Earth and examine how human activity, such as deforestation, affects these environments. Through this topic, pupils will develop geographical skills including map reading, using atlases and interpreting information, while gaining a deeper understanding of the relationship between people and places.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Art and Design & Design Tech.</u></p> <p>In Art, children will explore the work of Rembrandt, focusing on the use of light and shadow to create mood and depth in artwork. They will experiment with shading and tone in their own drawings and paintings.</p> <p>In Design & Technology, pupils will take part in a practical food technology project, where they will design and make their own pizzas. Children will learn about food hygiene, preparation skills and ingredient choice, before evaluating their finished product.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Physical Education and Sports</u></p> <p>P.E. lessons will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. . The children will focus primarily on developing their swimming skills as well as, hockey and different strategies and skills to improve their fitness.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Computing</u></p> <p>The children will learn about creating media and focus on key skills needed for web designing.</p> <p><u>Please monitor your child's use of home learning via Google Classroom</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Religious Education</u></p> <p>The big question will be: <i>How is our relationship special with Allah (swt)?</i></p> <p>We will be reflecting on how Allah has created us all unique and special and our relationship with Allah. We will look at the story of Prophet Yunus and his relationship with Allah, discuss the verse 50:16 from</p>

	the Quran and reflect on how we can build on our relationship with Allah further through remembrance, prayer, forgiveness and much more.
<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>The children will develop their listening and reflecting, composition and performance skills and learn about pitch and how it can create different moods. They will learn about glissandos and transposing melodies to improve their vocals skills, through the nasheed 'All is for You (Allah)' Reflecting on the lyrics of the nasheed, children will make links with the school value of 'Service' and the Quranic verse 6:612 which says, "Say, 'Surely my prayer, my worship, my life and my death are all for Allah - Lord of the worlds.'"</p>	<p><u>Arabic</u></p> <p>This half term, children will continue to develop their reading, writing, listing and speaking skills in Arabic. The focus topic will be 'Around the World' which will entail learning vocabulary of countries, compass points, navigation, the airport, packing for a holiday and holiday locations as well as using the vocabulary learnt to form sentences. Through various activities, children will also have the opportunity to develop their grammar skills, applying their vocabulary to build sentences within these topic areas.</p>
<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>The children will be learning about keeping themselves safe. This will include discussions on responsibilities, risks, hazards, road safety, staying safe online and pressures.</p> <p><u>Value of Spring 1: Our assemblies and PSHE lessons will focus on the value: service</u></p>	<p><u>Additional Information</u></p> <p>Spelling and Arithmetic tests will be every Friday Library days will be Thursdays (4S) and Friday (4W) As well as Google classroom, children will use Maths.co.uk for homework every two weeks.</p> <p><u>Please provide your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable for their morning snack</u></p>
<p><u>Enrichment Opportunities</u></p> <p>The children in Year 4 will have the opportunity to meet parent guest speakers, helping to further develop their understanding of the value of service.</p> <p>As part of our focus on health and wellbeing, the children will take part in a healthy eating workshop on 29 April 2026, led by a visiting speaker who will teach pupils about the importance of making healthy food choices.</p>	

