

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 4 | Autumn Term 2



HUJJAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Salaams Parents/ Carers

We have another enjoyable and engaging half-term. Our teachers in Year 4 are Miss Babar and Mrs Rizvi, supported by Mrs Haider and Mrs Al Shahib. Our team will continue to endeavour all learning needs and levels are catered for, and everyone has a wonderful Autumn 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: 8:11; 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 focus on historical fiction this half term and learn more about character and setting descriptions based on their core/ key text. Children will learn writing chronological reports. In addition to this, Year 4 children will read classic poems, and learn and understand how to write these independently.

Key Text:

The Secret of the Sun King by Emma Carroll

Mathematics

In mathematics, the children will continue to work with numbers up to 1000 (and more to offer challenge)

Key areas of learning will be:

- ✓ Recalling multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12
- ✓ Using place value, known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally, including: multiplying by 0 and 1; dividing by 1; multiplying together 3 numbers
- ✓ recognising and using factor pairs and commutativity in mental calculations
- ✓ multiplying two-digit and three-digit numbers by a one-digit number using formal written layout
- ✓ solving problems involving multiplying and adding, including using the distributive law to multiply two-digit numbers by 1 digit.

The children will also deepen their understanding of multiplication and division by

- ✓ Continuing to practise recalling and using multiplication tables and related division facts to aid fluency.
- ✓ Practising mental methods and extend this to 3-digit numbers to derive facts, (for example $600 \div 3 = 200$ can be derived from $2 \times 3 = 6$).
- ✓ Solving two-step problems in contexts, choosing the appropriate operation, working with increasingly harder numbers

Science

The children will learn about Animals, including Humans and Habitats. Children will use scientific enquiry skills and further:

- ✓ Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.
- ✓ Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.
- ✓ Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Humanities

In History and Geography children will learn more about the Ancient Egyptian Civilization and further deepen their understanding by:

- ✓ Understanding the different kingdoms during the Ancient Egyptian Civilization
- ✓ Learning about Great Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx
- ✓ Understanding the role of Pharaohs during this period
- ✓ Learning about the irrigation system devised to water crops from the Nile
- ✓ Researching and learning about Saqqara
- ✓ Understanding the purpose for both primary and secondary sources

Design and Technology

This half term children will be focusing on designing, making, evaluating and using technical skills taught such as: simply sewing to create Egyptian-style collars, inspired by their learning in humanities

Physical Education and Sports

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

Computing

The children will learn more about computing systems and networks. They will also develop their programming skills using Scratch and continue to focus on keeping safe online.

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

Religious Education

We will be exploring the big question:

What do we mean by 'peace' and where is it to be found?

To help us build an understanding to answer this question we will be learning about and reflecting on the concept of 'peace' in Islam and other religions. We will be thinking about what peace feels like and where it can be found, looking at the concepts of inner and outer peace.

Arabic

Children will continue to develop their reading, writing, listening and speaking skills around the topic of 'Going to Work'.

They will learn vocabulary and sentence structures around jobs and professions, places of work, earning money, spending money, telling the time and numbers up to 30. In addition, they will look at various grammar concepts, learning how to build their own sentences using the vocabulary they have learnt.

Music

Children will be learning about the structure of music and developing skills of listening, reflecting, composition and performance through the nasheed 'Call to Prayer' by Ashiq Al Rusul. Thinking about the lyrics of the nasheed, children will reflect on how to respect the adhan and make links with the Quranic verse 62:9 which states:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا إِذَا نُودِيَ لِلصَّلَاةِ مِنْ يَوْمِ الْجُمُعَةِ فَاسْعَوْا إِلَىٰ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ وَذَرُوا الْبَيْعَ ۚ ذَٰلِكُمْ خَيْرٌ لَّكُمْ إِن كُنْتُمْ تَعْلَمُونَ

"Oh believers! When the call to prayer I made on Friday, then proceed diligently to the remembrance of Allah and leave off your business. That is best for you, if only you knew.

PSHE

The children will learn about being healthy and having a positive mindset. We will be building our vocabulary around feelings and thinking about ways to help us feel peace and positivity, including the power of prayer.

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

Additional Information

Spellings and Arithmetic tests will be every Friday

Library days will be every Friday

Children in Year 4 will partake in swimming lessons: Boys in Autumn and Spring 1, followed by girls in Spring 2 and Summer.

Please provide your child daily with fruit or vegetables for their morning snack

Enrichment Opportunities

This half-term there will be a workshop at school to times from the Ancient Egyptian Civilization run by History off the Page. The children will be required to come to school dressed as Ancient Egyptians! This will take place on Thursday 12th December.

In Arabic, children will be taking part in a global competition using the online learning platform, languagenut.

All contributions/ payments and consents to be completed using Arbor