

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 1 Autumn Term 1



Salaams Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Year 1! We have an enjoyable and enriching half-term ahead as we start our journey into KS1. Teaching this year in Year 1 are Mrs Mahir, Mrs Haider and Ms McKenzie, supported by Mrs Nabil and Ms Elbadawy. Our wonderful 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

This half term will include a recap of Phase 4 sounds before introducing new Phase 5 sounds. The children will learn how to structure a letter and begin to write their own letter. Next, they will be writing first person accounts of what has happened using the key features of a recount. Lastly this half term will learn how to retell a story using adjectives and adverbs, adding detail to their writing.

Key Texts

- 1) Beegu by Alexis Deacon
- 2) How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers
- 3) Me and My Fear by Francesca Sanna

Mathematics

In Maths, the children will be learning about place value within 10, exploring the base ten system and consolidating the children's knowledge of number bonds.

The children will also begin to learn addition and subtraction to 10. The children will be learning through a combination of:

Concrete: using objects such as cubes

Pictorial: drawings to show amounts

Abstract: number sentences + - =

Science

The children will explore seasonal changes as we say goodbye to Summer and welcome the Autumn season. They will also learn about different types of animals and living things with a focus on humans and what we need to survive.

Humanities

In Geography the children will explore our local area: Harrow and in History, they will begin to identify important historical places and observe how they have changed over time.

Art and Design

The children will be creating Autumn art using different lines, shapes, colours and textures. The children will also have fun mixing colours whilst they begin to both draw and paint. In D&T the children will make their own moving mechanisms.

Physical Education and Sports

P.E. days will be Wednesday and Thursdays. The children will first learn the fundamentals such as running, jumping, and throwing. They will also have an opportunity to learn gymnastics in this half term.

Computing

The children will learn how to log on to a computer and will develop their mouse skills.

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

Religious Education

The big question will be:
What makes faith buildings special?

We will be exploring places of worship and how they are important for believers.

Arabic

The children will develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in Arabic, with a focus on the first 5 letters of the Arabic alphabet (ا ب ت ث ج). Through various activities they will begin to build their Arabic vocabulary and pronunciation by learning new Arabic words alongside each letter.

Music

The children will be developing skills in listening and reflecting, composition and performance as well as learning about the musical concept of tempo, through the Arabic Alphabet song and the Nasheed 'A is for Allah'. Through learning the lyrics to this nasheed we will learn the Arabic alphabet and some basic Arabic vocabulary.

PSHE

The children will be engaging in the unit 'Be Yourself' where they will reflect on the idea that they have been created by and are loved by Allah, as well as identify their strengths, feelings and what makes them feel happy or uncomfortable.

Value of Autumn I: Our assemblies and PSHE lessons will focus on the value: compassion

Additional Information

There will be daily phonics lessons.

Library days will be confirmed with parents and carers shortly.

Enrichment Opportunities

This half term, children will be orienteering around the school premises to consolidate their understanding of maps in local surroundings