

# 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

Jabberwocky by Lewis Carroll

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"> <li>✓ Adding and subtracting amounts of money to give change, using both £ and p in practical contexts</li> <li>✓ Telling and writing the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Science</u></b></p> <p>The children will be learning about States of Matter by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases</li> <li>✓ Observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C)</li> <li>✓ Identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of evaporation with temperature</li> </ul> <p>Children will continue to develop their scientific enquiry skills by grouping and classifying a variety of different materials; exploring the effect of temperature on substances, researching changes of state and making observations and recording these over time.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Humanities</u></b></p> <p>In History and Geography the children will study about mountain and earthquake formations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Children will also understand key topographical features (including hills, mountains, coasts and rivers), and land-use patterns. They will also understand how some of these aspects have changed over time.</li> <li>✓ Children will research and learn key aspects of river formation from mountains, The Water Cycle and how earthquakes are formed.</li> </ul> <p>Children will use maps, atlases and digital mapping to locate key areas and describe the features studied</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Art and Design &amp; Design Tech.</u></b></p> <p>The children will study the work of Rembrandt and will learn techniques for portraiture and still life using different medium, including water colours.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Physical Education and Sports</u></b></p> <p>P.E. lessons will be on Wednesdays and Fridays. . The children will focus primarily on developing their swimming skills as well as, different strategies and skills to improve their fitness and hockey.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Computing</u></b></p> <p>The children will learn about creating media and focus on key skills needed for web designing.</p> <p><b><u>Please monitor your child's use of home learning via Google Classroom</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Religious Education</u></b></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 the Quran and reflect on how we can build on our relationship with Allah further through remembrance, prayer, forgiveness and much more.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Music</u></b></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 6:61/2 which says, "Say, 'Surely my prayer, my worship, my life and my death are all for Allah - Lord of the worlds.'"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Arabic</u></b></p> <p>This half term, children will continue to develop their reading, writing, listening 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>

### PSHE

The children will be learning about keeping themselves safe. This will include discussions on responsibilities, risks, hazards, road safety, staying safe online and pressures.

Value of Spring 1: Our assemblies and PSHE lessons will focus on the value: service

### Additional Information

Spelling and Arithmetic tests will be every Friday  
Library days will be Thursdays (4S) and Friday (4W)  
Please provide your child with a piece of fruit or vegetable for their morning snack

### Enrichment Opportunities

The children in Year 4 will have the opportunity to meet with parent guest speakers who help us. This will further develop children's understanding of the value: service.

