

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 2 | Autumn Term



Salaams Parents/ Carers

Welcome to Year 2! We have a fun and enriching half-term ahead as we start our journey into Year 2. Teaching this year in Year 2 are Mrs Laamri and Miss Shah, supported by Mrs Lalji. Our talented 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

In Literacy, the children will learn how to write setting descriptions using their 5 senses to build detail into their writing. Next, they will explore comparative writing and will compare characters. For non-fiction, the children will learn how to write a letter using the correct structure. Lastly, children will learn how to retell a story including expanded noun phrases, adverbs, verbs and conjunctions.

Key Texts

- 1) Little Red Riding Hood by Tony Bradman
- 2) Dear Teacher by Amy Husband
- 3) The Unhappy Nightingale

Mathematics

In Maths, the children will consolidate their place value learning and explore the base 10 system even further.

The children will also develop their learning of addition and subtraction. 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 both plants and animals. The children will learn about habitats, how animals and humans grow, as well as what they need to survive.

Humanities

In Geography the children will develop their map skills and learn more about the U.K In History, the children will learn about The Royal Family and explore the history of the British Monarchy.

Art and Design

The children will look at the work of the artist Picasso. They will be making their own picture collages, as well as drawing their own self-portraits.

Physical Education and Sports

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

Computing

The children will learn more about computer systems. They will explore how to search the web to research information.

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

Religious Education

The big question will be:
What makes a home?

We will be exploring how our home life can help us practice Respect, Service and Gratitude.

Arabic

The children will develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in Arabic, with a focus on the letters ص and ض of the Arabic alphabet. They will begin to build their Arabic vocabulary of colors and numbers as well as learning other new Arabic words alongside each Arabic 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 nasheed 'Mercy like the rain'. Reflecting on the lyrics of the nasheed, children will draw links to what the Holy Prophet and Holy Quran say about the rain (16:10 and 50:9).

PSHE

The children will learn about the wider world and how families, schools and environments differ around the world.

Value of Autumn 1: Our assemblies and PSHE lessons will focus on the value: compassion

Additional Information

Spelling and Arithmetic tests will be every Friday.

Library days will be every Wednesday.

Enrichment Opportunities

Children will have the opportunity to visit Windsor Castle and consolidate their learning about British Monarchs.