Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 2 | Spring Term 2



Salaams Families of Hujjat Primary School,

We hope you are well and had a lovely half-term break. There is lots of exciting and challenging learning to come, as we enter the last half term of Spring. We also have some exciting enrichment opportunities lined up to support children's learning experiences.

Value: Gratitude

This half term we will be focusing on the value of gratitude. Children will reflect and discuss who we should show gratitude to and how, 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: 3:145, 14:7, 16:53, 27:19, 31:12, 39:7 and 54:35.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this half-term:

English

Year 2 will be writing stories with alternative endings and exploring perspective monologues. The children will also be learning how to write acrostic poems.

The children will also consolidate a range of writing skills taught such as using expanded noun phrases, similes, various conjunctions, and a range of punctuation.

Key texts:

Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl. Queen Yaa Saves the Golden Stool by Louisa Olafuyi

Mathematics

We will be investigating and learning about the properties of different 2D and 3D shapes. The children will also be able to understand how to collect and interpret data. We will learn about the different units of measurement for length and height and apply our understanding of the four operations.

The children will be learning through a combination of:

Concrete: using objects such as cubes Pictorial: drawings to show amounts Abstract: number sentences + - =

Science

We will continue to develop our understanding of plants, and the difference between bulbs and mature plants. We will continue to observe the bulbs we have grown in the Key Stage I area.

Humanities

In Geography, we will deepen our investigation on how fires affect our environment, such as: loss of vegetation, lack of water absorption in the soil and excess of nutrients in the soil.

In history we will continue to research on Samuel Pepys, and his diary entries during The Great Fire of London in 1666

Art and Design & Design Tech.

We will look at moving mechanisms: pictures with moving parts. The children will be creating sequences and illusions.

Physical Education and Sports

During PE and Sports sessions children will develop the skills: spatial awareness, hitting and receiving objects. In addition to this, we will build on our movement and balance skills.

Computing

During this half-term, the children will understand more about patterns and learn programming using the software: Scratch Jr.

Religious Education

This term's big question is: why are religious symbols important to people of faith. We will learn about different Islamic symbols such as the crescent moon and star. We will also make comparisons with other religious symbols such as the cross in Christianity.

<u>Please monitor your child's use of home learning via</u> Google Classroom.

Music

This half term, the children will be learning the nasheed, 'Give thanks to Allah' by Zain Bikha, through which they will develop their listening and reflecting, composition and performance skills. We will be focusing on the musical concept of dynamics and experimenting with how we can change the mood and affect the audience by altering the dynamics of our vocals. Reflecting on the lyrics of the nasheed, children will make links to our school values and the verse I4:7 from the Holy Quran.

Arabic

This half term, the children will focus on the letters, Ja, and words containing these letters. They will revise and build on their knowledge of short and long vowels and apply this to develop their reading, writing, speaking and listening skills in the Arabic language.

PSHE

We will have opportunities to discuss the theme: Relationships and growing up. All content will be taught with sensitivity.

Please see our PSHE overview for more information.

Additional Information

Spelling and Arithmetic tests will be every Friday. Library days will be every Monday.

Please continue to read with your child for 20 minutes.

Value of this half-term: Gratitude

Our assemblies and PSHE lessons will focus on the value: **Gratitude**

Enrichment Opportunities

This half-term there will be a workshop at school to depict The Great Fire of London run by History off the Page. The children will be required to come to school dressed as Londoners from 1666! This will happen on MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2024.

Please ensure you give consent on Arbor.