

Half Term Curriculum Overview

Year 3 & 4 Summer 1 - 2021

Theme: Tea and Fair trade -We will ensure that Islamic knowledge is incorporated into the curriculum Insha'Allah.

English

This half-term, children will be reading the book **Cloud Tea Monkeys by Mal Peet and Elspeth Graham**. The sequence begins the arrival of a Royal-Rea – Taster in class seeking apprentice tea-tasters. The children experience an immersive session where they smell and taste a range of different teas before creating a descriptive statement to describe a tea. A basket is then delivered and inside is a magical and moving story about Cloud Tea and how monkeys save a young girl and her mother. As the text is read, the children are exposed to range of language activities to stimulate grammatical development and reading comprehension skills. The children then write letters of thanks to the monkeys. Using the authors' note as further stimulus, children research, plan and then write a non-chronological report on tea, the tea trade and traditions relating to tea.

PE

In PE this half-term, children will be learning Athletic skills such as: Running and Walking, running over Obstacles, throwing for distance, throwing for accuracy.

DT

Children will be learning about the **British Inventions**. They will explore different inventions such as Telephone, World Wide Web and other inventions that have broaden our communication in the current world.

Islamic Link: Allah is the Al-Khaaliq and The Creator and The Inventor of ALL THINGS.

Mathematics

This half-term, children will be learning a range of different topic in Maths. They will focus on word-based topics and this will be important to get the children used to this style of questioning and the reasoning used to answer them. Children will be looking at **Fractions**. Some of the objectives will include:

- What is a Fraction?
- Count in Tenths
- Unit and Non-unit fractions
- Equivalent Fractions
- Count in Fractions
- Add and Subtract Fractions
- Making a whole

PSHE

This term, children will be learning about **'Making Decisions'**. Children will think about what good decisions are and what the impacts of those decisions are. Children will think about decisions they make that don't always benefit them.

Homework

Children will receive homework on Friday, they will need to make sure that they bring it back the following Tuesday. The homework will be a reinforcement of the topics learnt during that week.

Science

This half term we will be looking at 'How plants grow.' This unit will teach children about everything they need to know about plants. They will learn the names of different parts of plants, and the jobs they do. The children will work scientifically and collaboratively to investigate what plants need to grow well and will present their findings to their classmates. Furthermore, they will have a chance to understand the structure of seeds and their importance as a food source.

History

This half-term, children will be learning about **'The British Empire'**. Children will discover how our world was developed and consider how and why England undertook seafaring expeditions to the New World. Furthermore, children will consider the meaning of the word's **'slave'** and **'trade'** in the context of the British Empire.

Islamic History: bad treatment of slaves is against Islam.