

English

This half-term, children will be exploring a fantasy text 'The boy at the back of the class'.

Children will be learning about:

This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old child and three classmates are full of empathy for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria (he is the boy at the back of the class).

An inspiring and sweet tale that will help children think about what it is to be a good person whatever your circumstances (the narrator is from a poor background with a single parent mum who struggles to make ends meet), and challenge prejudice and push for fairness, whenever possible.

This is a beautiful, open-hearted debut from Onjali Q Raúf that should help children be the best they can be and realise the power of kindness.

ESR

In this unit, the children will examine the concept of wealth, and how money and possessions should not be the only indicators of a successful, fulfilled life in this 'What is Wealth?' Children will first learn about alternative definitions of wealth, then, based on these definitions, explore ways of sharing and increasing both their wealth and the wealth of others.

DT

The topic this term is about '**Building Bridges**'

Children will learn about how simple bridges are constructed using beams, pillars or piers, then make and test beam bridge designs.

Islamic Link:

Allah is the Creator and Original Inventor of all. Humans take inspiration from Allah's creation!

Half Term Curriculum Overview

Year 5 & 6 Spring 2023

We will ensure that Islamic knowledge is incorporated into the curriculum insha'Allah.

Mathematics

This half-term, children will be learning a range of different topics in Maths.

- Order and compare decimals (same number of decimal places)
- Order and compare any decimals with up to 3 decimal places.
- Round to the nearest whole number
- Equivalent fractions, decimals, and percentages
- Order fractions, decimals, and percentages
- Percentage of an amount - one step
- Percentage of an amount - multi-step
- Percentages - missing values
- Fractions as division
- Understand percentages.

PE

In PE this half-term, children will focus on handball exercises which are a good reminder of teamwork and working cooperatively, not just in sports but across the curriculum!

Islamic link: Health is very important in Islam, and we are instructed to take care of ourselves and keep healthy through good eating, movement, and exercise.

Science

In science we will be learning about '**Seeing Light**', We will be able to:

Identify light sources and describe how light travels. Use our knowledge of how light travels to explain how a shadow is created. We will be able to explain why a shadow takes the shape of the object casting it. Give a clear, scientific description of translucent, transparent, and opaque and how this property affects an object's shadow.

Geography

We will be looking at: Our Local Area
The children will explore the human and physical features of our local area and information about the UK's economic activity, land use, settlements, climate, upland areas, and England's longest rivers which they can then link to our own local area.

Homework

Children will receive homework on Fridays and they will need to make sure that they bring it back the following Tuesday. Children will also be given spelling on Friday following a test on Monday. All children should be reading at least 30 minutes every day home.