



# Half Term Curriculum Overview

Years 1&2 Spring 1 - 2020

Theme for the Term: Nurture

## English

During this term in English, Key Stage 1 will be focusing on a key text in order to further develop their command of the English language. Children will continue to apply phonetic knowledge and skills they have learnt over the course of the last term in order to decode words. To encourage fluency, confidence, and automatic decoding without blending, they will continue to read aloud to themselves, peers, and teachers.

Key Text: *The Journey Home* - Frann Preston Gannon

A lone polar bear decides that he can't stay in the arctic as the ice is melting around him and he is hungry. He builds a boat and sails across the oceans picking up other endangered creatures along his way.

This text explores issues of conservation and starts to explore whether we can escape the issues that endangered animals face on a day-to-day basis. Children will create fact files on endangered animals as well write short persuasive pieces on why we need to save endangered animals. Children will be able to identify how a sentence is formed by its grammatical structure as a question, a command, a statement or an exclamation. Children will be encouraged to edit work, being aware of tense and word choice. Word classes (nouns/verbs/adjectives) will be referred to throughout.

PSHE Link - Children will be able to recognise that it is in the absence of healthy and appropriate lifestyles that we are experiencing changes in the climate and therefore the animals are being driven to extinction.

Islamic Link: [Qur'an, 24:27] "**Do not enter houses other than your own houses**" - A Muslim's home is their resting place and their abode, it is where they are encouraged to take down their walls and worship their Lord as they feel comfortable and need. Children will recognise the home as the place where their faith was given birth and nurtured and will therefore be able to recognise the physical, emotional, and spiritual loss one would feel at the removal of this home.

### PLEASE NOTE:

PE is on Mondays and children should have the correct PE kit: black tracksuit bottoms, white t-shirt, and trainers.

## Mathematics

Children will continue to consolidate their knowledge of mathematical concepts with the following:

- Division
- Place value to 100
- Statistics
- Measurement: length and height

## PSHE

Children in KS1 will be learning about healthy and safer lifestyles. They will be understanding how they can make positive changes in their own life, as well as the lives of others.

Islamic Link: [Sahih al-Bukhari 5199] "**your body has a right over you**" - Islam encourages taking care of your body and your neighbours like you would yourself and therefore it is a core part of a Muslim's character to promote a healthy lifestyle for the wellbeing of all.

## DT

Children will be learning about making healthier dietary choices by eating more fruits and vegetables and understanding the reason why they eat these.

Islamic Links: [Qur'an, 16:11] "**and from all the fruits. Indeed in that is a sign**" - Throughout the Qur'an, Allah emphasises the complexity of the makeup and beauty of fruit and veg and the way in which it is in itself a miracle.

## History

This half term, children in KS1 will be learning more about the history of nursing, with a focus on Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. They will be understanding the nurturing role nurses take on and the ways in which it complements the role of the doctor.

Islamic Link: [Rufayda bint Sa'ad al-Aslamiyya] - Islam requires Muslims to have great concern for society in all spheres of life. Children will learn about one of the first female nurses during the Battle of Badr.

## Science

This term, KS1 will be learning about plants and their growth. They will be able to recognise the parts of a plant, and through practical experience, understand that through nurturing, plants will bloom.

Islamic Link: [Sahih al-Bukhari 2320] "**There is none amongst the Muslims who plants a tree or sows seeds [...] but is regarded as a charitable gift for him**" - The Islamic tradition is rich in references about our responsibility as Muslims to be the stewards of our environments as it is a blessing sent down from Allah with more benefits than one can truly understand.

## PE

This term, children will be learning about the game of Rounders by combining the skills they have learnt so far in team-building, throwing, and catching.

## Homework

- Homework will be given out on **Friday** to be returned the following **Wednesday**.
- **English/Maths:** homework is set to consolidate skills taught in class. In preparation for SATS in Year 2, all children will be provided with reading comprehension and grammar work.
- **Spellings:** there will be a test every **Friday** and new spellings are given out with homework each week.
- **Reading:** to be practiced regularly. Please ensure your child reads to you for **30 minutes** per day and sign their reading records weekly to indicate this. (**see Ms Ayesha/Ms Su if you are unsure**)
- **Y1 Practise timetables daily:** x2 x5 x10 (CH: x3) | **Y2 Practise timetables daily:** x2 x3 x4 x5 x6 x7 x8 x9 x10