

Autumn term 2022

TDAJ Curriculum Overview



Our curriculum is broad and balanced and taught in a variety of ways including whole class lessons, collaborative small groups or individually, both in the classroom and outdoors. Progression and continuity are carefully planned for, focusing on key knowledge and skills for each year group in each subject.

Literacy:

We teach our Literacy lessons using **McKie Mastery: Power Literacy**. Each week we have 3 reading days and 2 writing days. The children are not automatically grouped by age but by where they are up to in their learning. We use a wide range of exciting, ambitious texts during our lessons, such as 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark', 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and 'Floodland'. In our **reading lessons** we teach the word reading skills, fluency and comprehension. Please see page 2 of the Home School Diaries to find guidance about our reading fluency league. In the diary you can also find useful questions to ask when listening to your child read on pages 4- 9.

In our **writing lessons**, we teach the children how to use language to create an impact on the reader. We teach the children how to write a variety of different text types: narratives, playscripts, poems, explanation texts, instructions to name a few. We teach the vocabulary, grammar and punctuation objectives from the National Curriculum. For further guidance on this, please use this one-page tool [Thomas Deacon Academy - KS2 English](#) All the spelling words can be found in the back of your child's home school diary.

Mathematics:

We teach our Maths lessons using **McKie Mastery: Power Mathematics**. Each week we have 5 lessons for 1 hour 10 minutes. The children are not automatically grouped by age but by where they are up to in their learning. Throughout the year, children will develop their knowledge of the four operations, fractions, shape, measure and statistics. In year 6, children will also explore knowledge of ratio and extend their knowledge of percentages and decimals. For further information about the Mathematics curriculum at TDAJ, please go to the following link: <https://bit.ly/3NphVgL>

To support with their mathematical knowledge, it is important that children develop their times tables on a daily basis. The use of Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) will allow children to develop their recall and efficiency of these. These are the foundation to their knowledge in all aspects of Mathematics. All children are expected to complete 15 minutes of TTRS per day to develop this skill. All children also have access to Sumdog which allows them to develop all areas on their Mathematics knowledge.



Our Learning This Term in Year 5



History – Dynamic Dynasties

This teaches children about the history of ancient China, focusing primarily on the Shang Dynasty, and explores the lasting legacy of the first five Chinese dynasties, some of which can still be seen in the world today.

Geography- Investigating our World

Children learn about human geography and capital cities worldwide before looking at the UK motorway network and settlements. They carry out an enquiry to identify local settlement types.



Science – Earth and Space

This teaches children about our Solar System and its spherical bodies. They describe the movements of Earth and other planets relative to the Sun, the Moon relative to Earth and the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

Art- Toatie

This teaches children about the significance and art of the taotie motif, including ancient and contemporary casting methods.



Music

In music lessons, children will be focussing on composing and performing the songs 'Ghost Parade' and 'Words can hurt'.

Computing

Children will learn about the uses of technology, how to stay safe online and more advanced programming skills using Scratch.



RE- Buddhism and Sikhism

Children will learn key beliefs, stories and places of worship.

PSHE- Anti-bullying

Children will consider the feelings of children who are bullied, those that witness bullying and those who bully others. They will consider strategies for keeping themselves safe from bullying and for befriending and supporting children who have been bullied.



Homework Expectations

Children are expected to do the following every night.

- Read for 15 minutes
- Practice spellings for 15 minutes
- Practice Times tables for 15 minutes



Useful websites

[Kiddle - visual search engine for kids](#)

A child friendly and safe version of Google

[Sora \(soraapp.com\)](http://soraapp.com)

Children have access to an online library by using their school logins and passwords