

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 6



History – Maafa

Children will learn about Africa past and present and the development of the slave trade. This important topic explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade; the causes and consequences of the colonisation of Africa; everyday life on plantations; modern race relations and significant black Britons.

Geography- Our Changing World

Children will revise essential skills and knowledge including time zones, lines of latitude and longitude to pinpoint places on a map. Children also learn about map scales, grid references, contour lines and map symbols.



Science – The circulatory system

Children will learn about the human circulatory system: its main parts and their functions. They also learn about healthy lifestyle choices; investigate the effects of exercise and explore the effects of harmful substances on the human body.

Art- Tints, tones and shades

This teaches children about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and exploring mixing tints, shades and tones. They learn about significant landscape artworks and features of landscapes before using this knowledge to create their own landscape paintings.



Music

In music lessons, children will be understanding how music can affect mood and vitality. They will also be singing 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams.

Computing

Children will learn about algorithms and more advanced programming skills using Scratch.



RE- Hinduism and Christianity

This term, children will be exploring Hinduism and Christianity and exploring and discussing two key questions: What can we learn from the aspects of the Hindu religion? The journey of life – What happens when we die?

PSHE- 'Rights, Rules and Responsibilities'

This term, children will explore the basic rights of children and adults. We will also learn about 'Citizenship' and how to share views respectfully and effectively.



Homework Expectations

- Reading - 15 min daily
- Times tables practice – 15 min daily
- Spellings practice- 15 min daily

Yr6 CGP homework (starting after half term)

- Maths – 30 min per week
- Reading - 30min per week

Useful websites

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

A child friendly and safe version of Google

[Sora \(soraapp.com\)](#)

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