

Summer term 2023

TDAJ Curriculum Overview

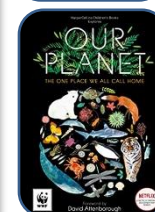
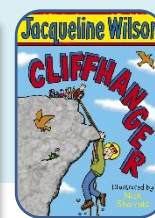


Our curriculum is broad and balanced and taught in a variety of ways including whole class lessons, collaborative small groups or individually, both in the classroom and outdoors. Progression and continuity are carefully planned for, focusing on key knowledge and skills for each year group in each subject.

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 '**Cliffhanger**', '**Our Planet**' and '**The eye of the wolf**'. 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 3

History- Emperors and Empires

This project teaches children about the history and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.



Science – Plant Nutrition and Reproduction and Light and Shadows



This project teaches children about what plants need for growth and survival. They describe the parts of flowering plants and relate structure to function, including the roots and stem for transporting water, leaves for making food and the flower for reproduction.



This project teaches children about light and dark. They investigate reflections and shadows, looking for patterns in collected data. They also explore the risks of the sun.

Art – Beautiful Botanicals and Mosaic Masters

This project teaches children about the genre of botanical art. They create natural weavings, two-colour prints and beautiful and detailed botanical paintings of fruit.



This project teaches children about the history of mosaics, before focusing on the colours, patterns and themes found in Roman mosaic. The children learn techniques to help them design and make a mosaic border tile.



Music

In music this term, the children are learning to sing 'Three little birds' by Bob Marley. They are learning how to follow a rhythm by following the notation. They are learning how to accompany singing with playing the glockenspiel.

Computing

In computing this term, children will learn about how to create and answer surveys online using Microsoft Forms.

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RE-Buddhism and Islam

In RE, the children will learn about Buddhism and exploring peace. In Islam the children will learn about the five pillars.

PSHE- Personal safety and managing change

Children will understand how they can be responsible for their own personal safety and explore people they can trust to talk about their feelings. They will also learn about changes a person goes through and the emotions which are linked to new situations.



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 \(soraapp.com\)](#)

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